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GENERAL STRIKE AT THE GAOL.

PRISONERS REPORTED IN "MUTINY."

STATE OF EMERGENCY SINCE AN
EARLY HOUR TO-DAY.

POLICE RUSH TO SCENE.

A STATE of emergency has prevailed at Victoria Gaol since an early hour this morning following a serious outbreak among the three hundred prisoners, who have refused to work, according to reports received, and have commenced a campaign of passive resistance in defiance of prison authority.

First news of the trouble gave rise to considerable alarm by reason of the use of the term "mutiny" but it appears that the revolt consists merely of a general strike, arising from complaints about food.

A large number of police, uniformed and plain-clothed, were rushed to the Gaol on the receipt of an emergency call. The prison walls were lined with men, while others took up positions in the immediate precincts of the prison, lest the trouble should assume still graver proportions. The precautions are being maintained unrelaxed as we go to press.

Most of the facts related below are unofficial in character. Efforts have been made to obtain an official statement, but the Superintendent (Mr. J. W. Franks) has declined to discuss the trouble, refusing either to confirm or to deny the reports. It is understood that the incidents are a climax to some days of difficulty, it being reported that the women prisoners made demands regarding clothing last week.

ALLEGED SEQUEL TO FLOGGINGS.

It would appear that the trouble originated from a feeling of dissatisfaction among the convicts over their prison diet, and it is alleged that the prisoners had not been so much over the quality as over the limited quantity allowed to each individual. There have, it is stated, been numerous complaints in this respect, the more forward of the men declaring that their rations have been weighed out in English ounces, whereas they had been led to expect from the official diet card displayed in the prison that they would be used.

Petition to Governor.

A case appears to have been made out from this disparity, and a little over a week ago, we understand, a petition from the prisoners was laid before the Superintendent (Mr. J. W. Franks) soliciting measures for relief.

This petition was forwarded to H. E. the Governor, by whom certain concessions were sanctioned, which substantially met the men's request.

In the decision subsequently conveyed to the knowledge of the prisoners, it was intimated that this concession was a temporary measure, and that its continuance as a permanent measure would depend on an improvement in the conduct of the convicts, which appears to have left much to be desired.

For a few days, it is stated, things were quiet. The men were put on the increased ration.

Plot Discovered.

It was manifest two or three days ago, however, that the convicts were not satisfied with the temporary nature of the concession, and were contemplating trouble.

The prison authorities appear to have become aware of the undercurrent and took prompt measures when it was suspected that the convicts were contemplating a mutiny. The plot called for a general strike in which all the inmates of the Gaol were to be involved.

Gaol officials acted quickly. It is said, in measures intended to preserve discipline which was being threatened.

Ringleaders Flogged.

They singled out the more recalcitrant offenders, and while putting them on rice-and-water diet, decreed a flogging for eight of them who were found to be ring-

NO HINDU-MOSLEM AGREEMENT.

HOPE IS NOT YET
ABANDONED.

CONFERENCE IN SESSION
TO-MORROW.

PROVINCE PLANS.

London, Dec. 15.

All efforts to reconcile the claims of the Moslems to special representation in the India Legislatures with the views of the Hindus on the point, have so far proved unavailing, although the Premier himself is still trying the role of conciliator.

Hope, however, has not been abandoned, and one of the Moslem leaders, the Nawab of Bhopal, who has been prominent in the efforts to reach an agreement, today invited the principals of both communities to a conference at his residence.

Vital Point.

The importance of dealing with this matter without delay is realised by the Indian Government, and the British Indian delegate, Lord Curzon, has proposed that the Round Table Conference, which is a representative body of the Indian community, should be reorganised.

The British Government can do little if the two principal communities cannot agree.

The Round Table Conference will, it is understood, meet tomorrow, and will consider the terms of a new constitution, the Federal Structure, and the Provincial Executive, and the provincial constitution committee's report.

More Special Inquiries.

will also probably consider the setting up of three more special committees to deal with the minorities in the provinces, and the North-West Frontier.

The Report of the sub-committee which has been thrashing out the problems of the Provincial Legislatures, and the constitution, character, powers, and responsibilities of the Provincial Executive, was completed in draft to-night.

It recommends that in the Governor's Provinces, the existing system of dyarchy should be abolished, and that all provincial subjects, including law and order, should be administered by the provincial legislatures, or rather in responsibility to the legislatures.

It is also recommended that the military executives and that the individual Ministers composing the Executive should be jointly responsible to the legislatures.

Governor's Wide Powers.

The powers of the Governor are considered, firstly, in regard to the legislature, secondly, in regard to the conduct of business, thirdly, his relations with his Ministers, and fourthly, his emergency powers.

It is recommended that the Governor be responsible for the appointment of Ministers and that he shall be given power to dissolve the Legislature, to return a Bill for reconsideration to the Legislature or to reserve it for the consideration of the Governor-General.

Previous sanction of the Governor will be necessary, under the proposals, for the introduction of certain types of legislation.

Emergency Powers.

The Ministers will hold office during the pleasure of the Governor, who will have emergency power to carry on the administration in the event of a breakdown of the Provincial Government or the Constitution.

In regard to the composition of the Legislatures, the sub-committee considered their size and life-time, the question of an official bloc, and the question of a second Chamber.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

LONDON MAIN BURSTS.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN
THE CITY.

SERIOUS FLOODS.

London, Dec. 15.
The bursting of a twenty-four-inch water main in the heart of London this morning was attended by very serious results.

A great deluge of traffic, both in the streets and on the Underground Railway, and very serious damage to business property, besides an interruption of the telephone and electric light service in the immediate district, ensued as a result of the burst.

The burst occurred at the corner of Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road this morning.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR MEETS WITH MISHAP.

Injures Knee Whilst Out
Riding.

CONFINED TO BED.

We regret to learn that His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, is confined to his bed and has been forced to cancel some of his engagements.

Riding at the Hunt Club met at Finsbury on Saturday. His Excellency received a knock on the knee, which developed fluid over the weekend. He has been advised to remain in bed for a short time, although the mishap is, we are glad to learn, not serious.

London's Luck.
The fiftieth of the draw is obviously the class of the Arsenal, holders of the trophy, with Aston Villa. Their recent league encounter provided a wonderful game and the Arsenal won by 5-2 as a result of brilliant shooting.

Another big game in London will be the meeting of West Ham and Chelsea. West Ham's "cheap" team is doing just as well as Chelsea's galaxy of stars and a keen duel may be expected.

London on the whole may be considered lucky in the draw. Six of her ten clubs are drawn at home—Tottenham, the Palace, Brentford, Fulham, Arsenal and West Ham—while only three, Millwall, Queen's Park Rangers and Charlton are required to leave the metropolis.

The draw has worked out comparatively evenly from a division standpoint. Eleven of the First Division clubs are at home and eleven away, ten of the Second Division are at home and twelve away, eight of the Third Division are at home and nine away, and the three clubs outside the Football League have all the good fortune to receive home draws.

The Wednesday are away to Gateshead, Huddersfield go to Leeds, while another strong Cup-fighting team, Blackburn Rovers have a comfortable proposition to face at Blackburn.

League Results.
In the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Rotherham County drew at home to Lincoln City, 2-2, while Accrington Stanley defeated Darlington by two goals to one.—*Reuter.*

BANK FAILURES & SUICIDES.

FURTHER CROP REPORTED FROM U.S.A.

New York, Dec. 15.
A further crop of Bank failures and suicides is reported to-day.

The State Bank at Birmingham, New York, has closed following the discovering of a shortage of between \$500,000 and \$700,000. The police are now searching for the Bank's President.

The President of the Bank of Alabama, at Emory, Alabama, has committed suicide, whilst the cashier of the State Bank at Brashear, Missouri, which closed three weeks ago, has attempted suicide.

The Farmers' and Traders' Bank at Waverly, North Carolina, with deposits totalling \$163,000, has closed its doors.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory report that the anticyclone appears to be central to the north of Shanghai. Strong to fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

THIRD ROUND OF F. A. CUP.

ARSENAL AT HOME TO
ASTON VILLA.

ONLY THREE LONDON CLUBS
TO TRAVEL.

SOME TIP-TOP GAMES.

London, Dec. 15.

Five interest in the F.A. Cup competition commenced from to-day when the premier clubs came into the struggle for the first time. The draw for the third round resulted as follows:

Southport	v. Millwall
Walsingham	v. West Ham
Tottenham	v. Preston N.E.
Crystal Palace	v. Reading
Sunderland	v. Southampton
Bury	v. Torquay
Plymouth	v. Everton
Abberston	v. Bradford
Sheffield U.	v. Nelson or York City
Gateshead	v. Sh. Wednesday
Bolton Wanderers	v. Carlisle
Oldham	v. Watford
Newcastle	v. Notts Forest
Brentford	v. Cardiff
West Ham U.	v. Chelsea
Bristol Rovers	v. Q.P. Rangers
Corinthians	v. Port Vale
Scarbrough	v. Grimsby
Barnley	v. Manchester City
Leeds United	v. Huddersfield T.
Arsenal	v. Aston Villa
Barnley	v. Bristol City
Stoke City	v. Manchester U.
Liverpool	v. Birmingham
Middlesbrough	v. Bradford C.
Blackburn	v. Walsall
Exeter or Coventry	v. Derby County
Leicester	v. Brighton
Hull City	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. Portsmouth
West Brom A.	v. Charlton
Notts County	v. Swansea

Matches to be played on January 10. *Reuter.*

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BRITISH MISSION TO FAR EAST.

TO RETURN HOME BY WAY OF CANADA.

London, Dec. 15.
In the House of Commons, Mr. G. M. Gilbert, Parliamentary Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, said it was originally intended that the Economic Mission to the Far East should return by the same route as they went out, but on the representations of the leader of the Mission, it had been decided that they shall return via Canada.—*Reuter.*

BATTLE ROUND AN AERODROME.

LOYAL TROOPS SHELL INSURGENTS.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT CLAIMS REVOLT IS CRUSHED.

SAN SEBASTIAN RIOTS.

SPAIN is still in a ferment, but the Government claims that the attempted coup d'etat has failed. Serious clashes between insurgents and Government forces have occurred. Major Franco and General Dallano, heading a rebel mob, seized a military aerodrome near Madrid, were heavily shelled, the leaders escaping in an aeroplane to Portugal.

Serious riots occurred at San Sebastian, where police guarding the Governor's office were killed, and a great deal of blood was shed when the authorities gained control of the situation. Troops are being brought back from Morocco.

FRANCO FLEES IN STOLEN PLANE.

Madrid, Dec. 15.
A proclamation was read out in the main square of the capital to-day, declaring a state of martial law in the central regions of Spain.

Madrid, Saragossa and Barcelona are quiet.
It is reported that the revolting army, who dropped revolutionary pamphlets over Madrid, announcing that a Republican movement had secured the cooperation of the army and that the barracks would be bombarded in the event of resistance—have surrendered.

Guards Killed.
A message from Hendaya states that extremists at six o'clock this morning invaded the offices of the Governor of San Sebastian, shooting and killing two police guards.

The rioters then broke up the office furniture while other bands prevented workers from entering the city.

The police later gained control of the situation, pursuing the rioters, killing and wounding several, and arresting many others.

The insurgents wrecked the Post Office and the telephone exchange, thus cutting off San Sebastian from the rest of Spain.

Major Franco's Escape.
It is stated that Major Franco, Spain's most famous airman, was at the head of the revolting Air Force officers at Cuatro Vientos aerodrome this morning, and that he escaped in one of the aeroplanes after the rebels had surrendered.

Later.
Major Franco, who only recently escaped from prison, made a dramatic reappearance on the scene to-day, after aeroplanes had showered revolutionary leaflets on the city.

A band of five hundred insurgents appeared at the military aerodrome at Cuatro Vientos, headed by a number of officers, including Major Franco and General Guello Dallano.

The insurgents proclaimed that they were organising the rebellion, disarmed the guard, raided the ammunition stores, and piled a lorry with aeroplane bombs, with which they drove to the landing ground, and loaded several aeroplanes.

Aerodrome Shelled.
Troops commanded by General Orgez were rushed up, and artillery were brought to bear, the aerodrome being shelled.

After half an hour, the rebels hoisted the white flag, but Dallano and Major Franco escaped in an aeroplane.

The casualties resulting from the shelling are unknown.

The rebels at Cuatro Vientos aerodrome locked up in a hangar a number of workmen who refused to join the revolt. The workmen state that the insurgents numbered only five hundred, and many of them had never previously handled a weapon.

As soon as the Government's artillery fire became heavy, most of the mutineers surrendered.

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NAVY LIEUTENANT'S GALLANTRY.

R. H. S. AWARDS SILVER
MEDAL TO OFFICER.

The Royal Humane Society at its November meeting awarded a silver medal which is a very high award just below the annual Gold Medal for the bravest deed at Hankow. Here is an account of the deed.

Lieut. C. H. C. Singleton, R.N., 25, at Hankow, of H.M.S. Peterel has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Silver Medal for conspicuous bravery in the face of extreme difficulty and danger, when attempting to rescue from drowning on August 13, one of the men attached to his ship.

Singleton, who had been ashore on duty to ensure that the liberty men from his ship had all returned from the Naval canteen at Hankow, was returning to H.M.S. Peterel, together with six liberty men, in the ship's motor sampan—a boat with very little draught, and very little freeboard. Two of the six ratings had stepped on board when Stoker O'Brien came out from under the canopy of the sampan, paused for a moment before stepping inboard, and fell backwards into the sea.

Lieut. Singleton at once went in fully clad, knowing the man to be a non-swimmer, and caught him some twenty yards astern of the Peterel, but he struggled so violently that they both sank and Singleton was forced to relinquish his hold and could not locate the man again. The motor sampan then went some three miles down the river, and searched for Stoker O'Brien, but without success, and it picked up Lieut. Singleton on the way back. It is, of course, well known that the Yangtze River is notoriously dangerous owing to its swift current.

NEW MOTOR LINER.

HEIAN MARU ON HER
PREPARATORY VOYAGE.

Yesterday morning saw the arrival of the third and last of the new motor liners constructed for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in accordance with their recent plans to improve their service on the Pacific. The Heian Maru and the Ito Maru, built by the Yokohama Dock Company, have already been to this port, but yesterday's was the Heian Maru's initial entry.

The Heian Maru left Yokohama on 8 and sailed for Hongkong on December 11 under the command of Capt. B. Kaneko, a popular commander of the N. Y. K. fleet. She carries a crew of 147 Japanese officers and men, and brought in 349 tons of paper and provision for Hongkong.

The Heian Maru is a sister ship of the Ito Maru, and the two, together, will maintain a service to Seattle. Each of the three ships is a twin-screw vessel having a gross tonnage of 11,550 tons and a displacement of 20,500 tons. She is equipped with two sets of double-acting Burmeister and Wain Diesel engines capable of developing an average sea speed of 18 knots. The principal dimensions are: Length (over all) 536 feet, Beam 68 feet, and Depth 41 feet.

As the new liners were planned and constructed as absolutely up-to-date passenger carriers, all the latest appliances in machinery for securing speed as well as the safety of the ships are included in their equipments, and no effort has been spared to meet the requirements of passengers. The special feature of the new sister ships is that they are the first cabin ships ever built for the trans-Pacific traffic, with accommodations for both cabin and tourist cabin classes, thereby offering the opportunity for trans-Pacific passengers to travel at low rates with the least sacrifice of comfort.

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The Heian Maru derives its name from the Heian-jingu which stands

LORRY SMASH AT SETH'S CORNER.

WORKING OF AUXILIARY
GEAR ENQUIRED INTO.

Opening an inquiry yesterday into the death of Ho Wai, a coolie, the Coroner (Mr. Lindsell) said:—"The subject of this enquiry is an accident which occurred at Seth's Corner, that is to say, the junction of Garden Road with Peak Road, on the 8th of this month, in which a lorry ascending a few yards up Peak Road, with a load of bricks, attempted to take the corner eastwards to go down Garden Road, failed to take that corner successfully, ran into a wall overlooking the Albany on the north side of the road, and threw certain of the occupants of the lorry over that wall into a compound some 20 or 30 feet below, with the result that one of them, a Chinese coolie named Ho Wai, met his death."

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, said the deceased was admitted there at 10 a.m. expiring some 40 minutes later in spite of all that could be done for him. Death, said witness, was due to the man's skull being fractured in many places, this being consistent with a fall down that height.

Acting Sub-Inspector S. C. Saunders, the Police Inspector of Vehicles, who next gave evidence, said that after the accident, he inspected the lorry, No. 2839, which was then lying half across the side walk to the north side of the junction. The rear side front wheel of the vehicle, witness said, was overhanging the compound, some 30 feet below, after going through the wall, and together with other parts of the vehicle on this side, was considerably damaged.

Not Overloaded.

The lorry was loaded with bricks, and other bricks were found strewn on the road way and in the compound below. He would say the vehicle was not thus overloaded. The handbrake was off but the low gear of the main gear box was engaged. The lorry carried a subsidiary gear-box—the same as exhibited in Court—which was controlled by a pedal. The gear in this auxiliary box was found after the accident to be in neutral. That being the case, although the main gear box was in gear, the wheels would still be running free.

Replying to the Coroner, witness stated that there were several Ford's in the Colony equipped with these auxiliary gears. They were fitted to give the lorries an additional lower gear ratio which would enable an easier climb. Witness said that, owing to the damage, he had not been able to test the condition of the brakes at the time of the accident.

The Coroner: Assuming that the lorry came 70 or 80 yards down Peak Road by that corner, if the brakes had been in proper working order, would they not have been able to pull up the weight by themselves?

Witness replied that, in his estimation, the lorry came down

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only 30 yards before meeting with disaster. Even in that short distance, the driver would have realised immediately that he was in neutral; that his wheels were running free.

Not an Easy Matter.

The Coroner: Would it not be a simple matter to press down the pedal?

Witness replied that it would have been impossible for the driver on that steep incline to have engaged his auxiliary. In that short space of time the brakes, if applied, would not have pulled up the lorry, heavily loaded as it was.

The lorry, said witness, struck the wall at a fairly narrow angle. It was expected that the driver would disengage his main gear and not the subsidiary one. The pedal working the subsidiary gear was set in the floor board about the middle, and anyone climbing in or out of the vehicle, with a very slight movement, could very easily disengage the gear.

Witness was of the opinion that the auxiliary gear must have been in neutral when the lorry started off.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said he had taken no general action since the accident, with regard to the auxiliary gears fitted to other vehicles in the Colony. He would not have regarded these gears as a source of danger if they were fitted with a lever instead of a pedal. The inquiry was adjourned until Friday.

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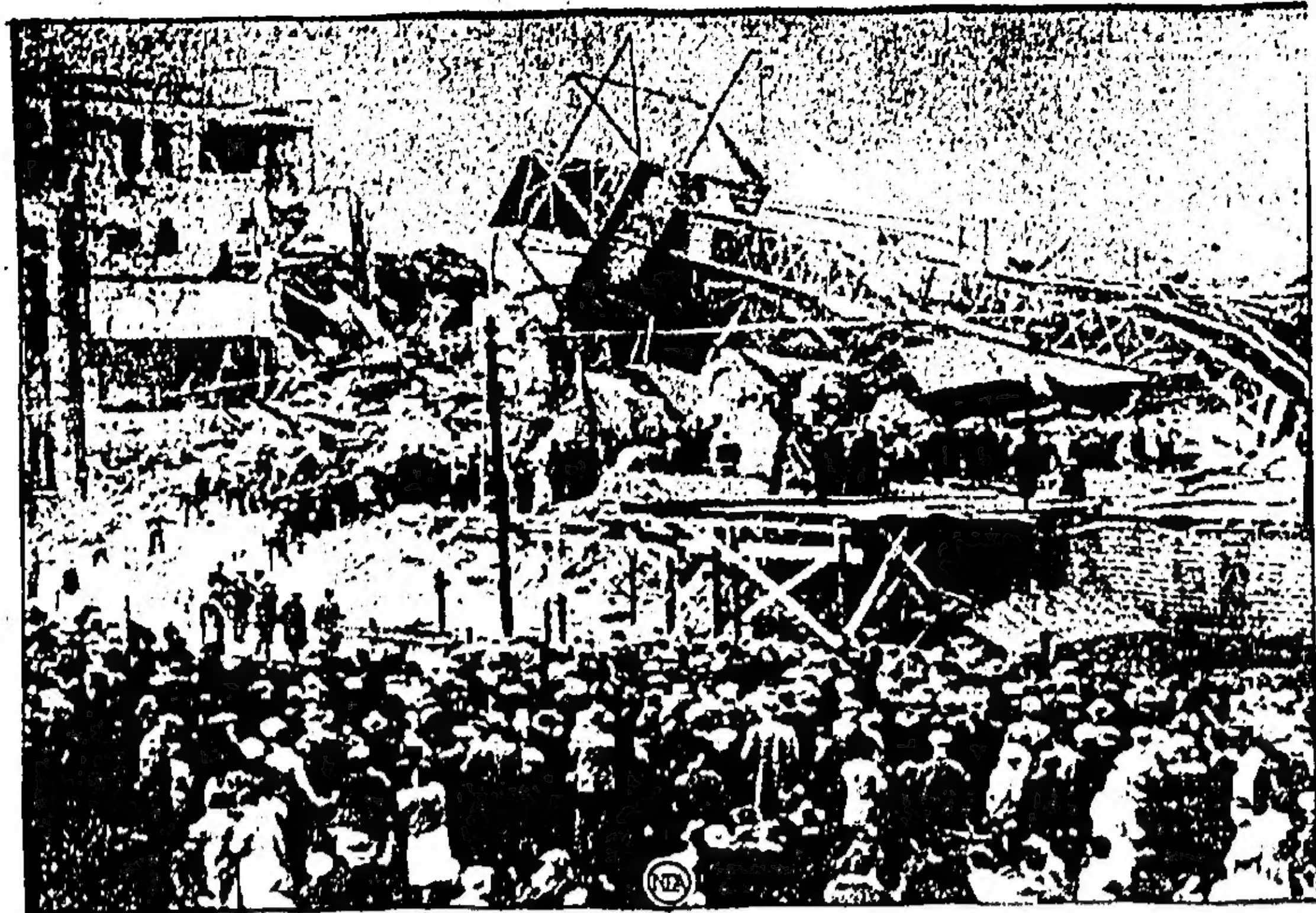
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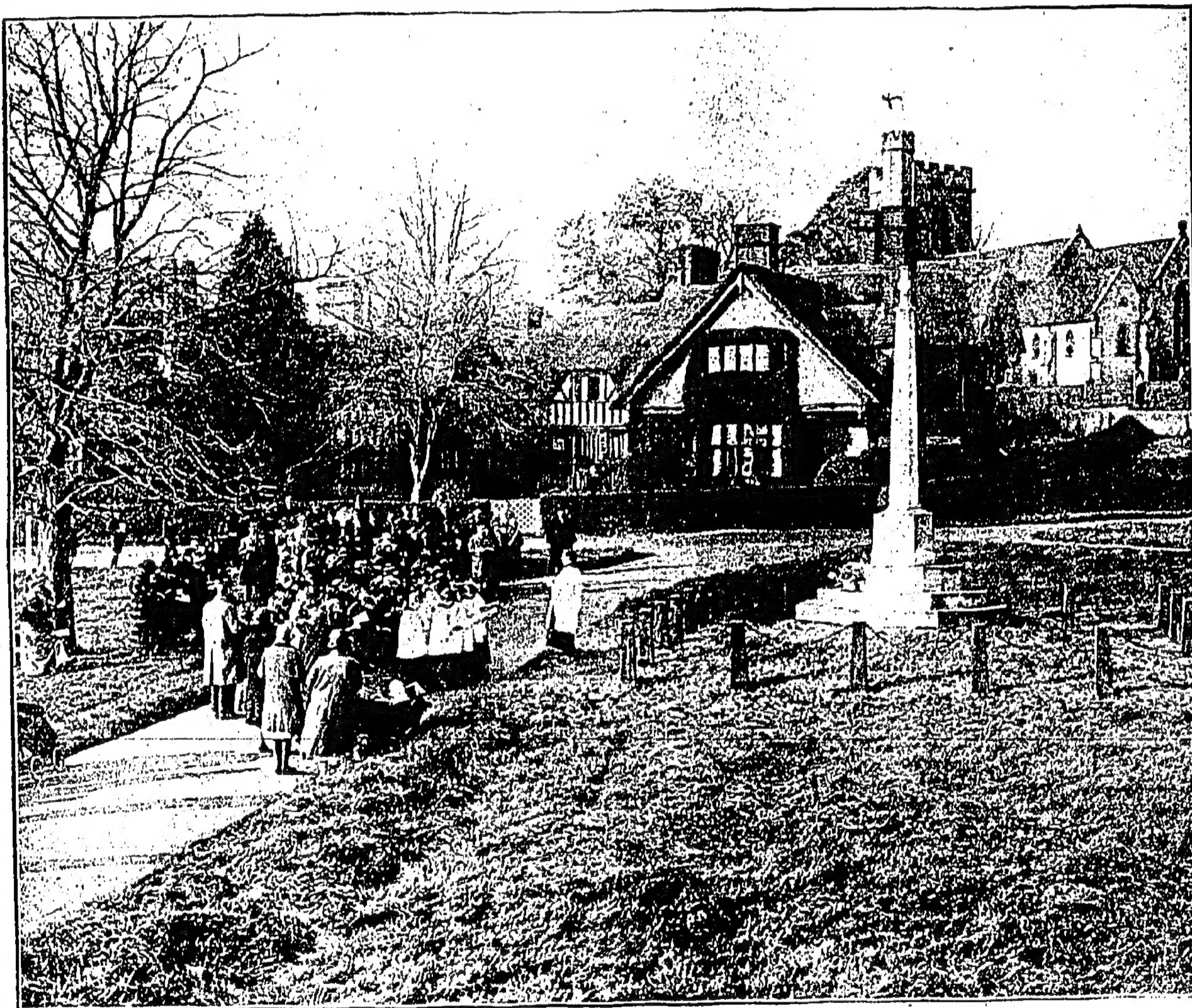




Our picture shows the large crowd, mute with horror gathered about the wreckage of the buildings at the head of the Alsford Mine, while rescue crews were working desperately to recover the body of the dead and injured buried 1,400 feet below by a terrible explosion. Over 250 people lost their lives in the mishap, which was one of the worst in coal mining history.



Mr. Robert Lamont, Secretary of Commerce, and Col. Arthur Woods, right, the director in chief of unemployment relief forces in the United States. He will have plenty of work if Congress has its way as it is disposed at the moment to be extremely extravagant. Votes exceeding £1,000,000 are already before the Senate and Representatives.



Our picture shows the scene at the pretty little village of Leigh, Kent, on November 11, during the Armistice Day Celebrations. It was typical of the many simple services held in all parts of the British Isles. (Times copyright.)

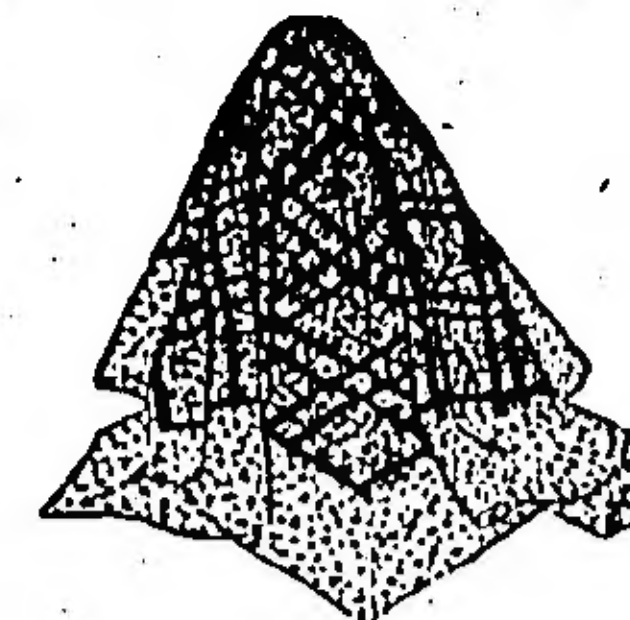


Former President and Mrs. Coolidge are pictured above on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary, when they visited Wayside Inn at Salisbury, Mass. They are shown inspecting a pump of pre-revolutionary days.



Babe Ruth has formally adopted the two daughters of his wives. At his left is Julie Hodgson, daughter of the present Mrs. Ruth, who was a widow when the marriage took place last year. At his right is Dorothy Helen, aged 9, about whose parentage there is a cloud of mystery. In her mother's will she was described as "my ward, Dorothy Helen Ruth, at one time known as Marie Harrington."

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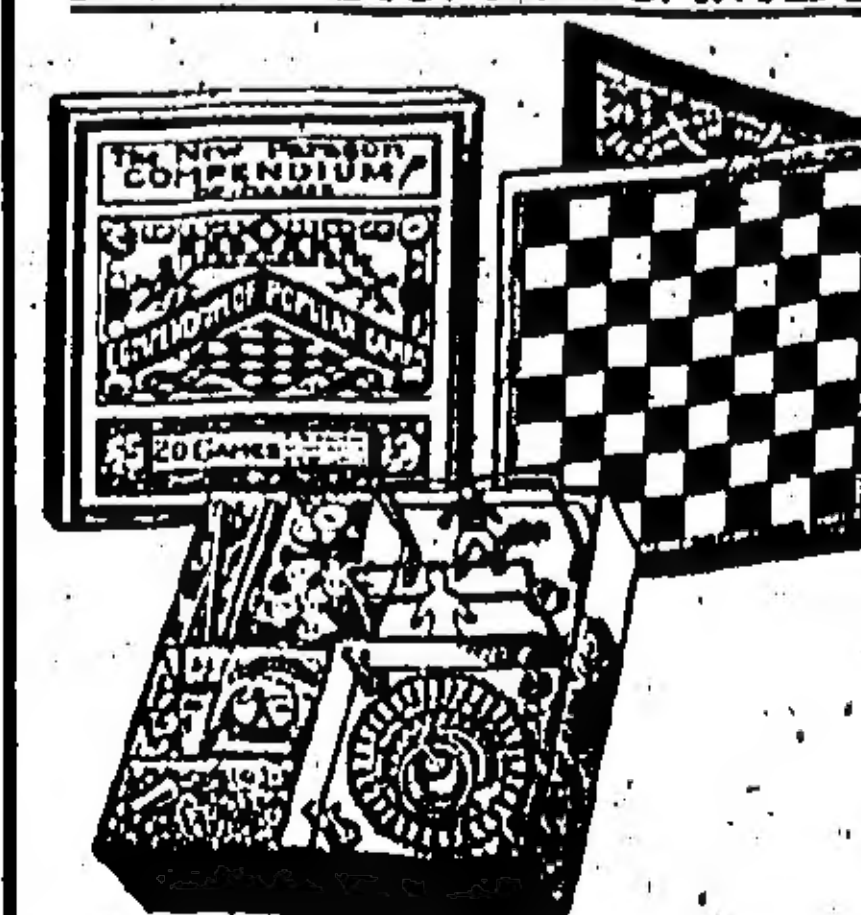
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SUBSCRIPTION CHANGE

A very satisfactory position was shown at the annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, which was held in the boardroom of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., yesterday, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. S. Archbutt.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose, with your permission, to take them, together with the auditors' report, as read.

The results before you constitute, I believe, a record, certainly a record for a good number of years.

The profit on working was \$23,644.46, and the balance of the Profit and Loss account which represents our net profit after writing off depreciation, had debts, etc., amounts to \$13,145.54. This, I think you will all agree, is a very satisfactory showing.

Turning to the accounts, I propose to draw attention to the chief differences only.

Maintenance at Happy Valley shows a decrease of over \$2,000 as compared with the previous year, but, in the previous year, there was the cost of the detached which was considerably over \$1,500.

Fairing shows an increase of just over \$2,000 mainly due to extra linen and crockery taken into use.

Upkeep of courses shows an increase all round. More money has been spent on all the courses. At Happy Valley, for example, in re-making the tees, Deep Water Bay, new tee mounds and extra fertilizer, work on the stream bed and new mounds on the tees. At Fanling we had to renew a considerable amount of water pipes on the old course which cost over \$3,684.

Printing and stationery shows a considerable increase.

The other items on the debit side of the top half of the Working Account, I think, call for no particular comment.

So far as receipts are concerned, subscriptions are up by nearly \$5,000. Locker rent and lodging account, Fanling, both show welcome increases.

Turning to the lower half of the Working Accounts, which might be described as our trading account, you will notice that Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay both show an increased turnover and an increased profit, the percentage of profit being approximately the same in both years.

Catering Costs.

Fairing shows an increased turnover but a drop in profit, the percentage dropped from 50% to 40%. This is owing to the increased cost of food. Dinners have been raised to \$2 but this increase took place in October, and therefore does not affect the accounts under review; no other increases have taken place.

With regard to wines and cigars, our charges have not been raised as much as the buying prices have fallen. The percentage of profit is good. Happy Valley shows a fall from 75% to 60%. Deep Water Bay shows a slight increase. Fanling shows a drop of from 60% to 54%. Our profit at Fanling is lower on account of transport and cost of tea.

While all the above percentages of profit appear to be high, what we have to bear in mind in considering the profits earned is that the actual cost to the Club is greater than is apparent from the accounts. The net profit is not so high, as wages are not apportioned and other items which appear in the top half of the account should be apportioned between the top half and the lower half. It is not practicable to do this however, but members can rest assured that the actual cost of meals, etc., to the Club is carefully calculated.

Clubs, balls and sundries show increased trading and a satisfactory profit.

Turning to the Profit and Loss Account, I think you will all agree that the bad and doubtful debts account shows a remarkable position. We had to write off only \$20.45 during the year.

Turning now to the Balance Sheet, I should like to draw particular attention to the position of the liquid assets and liabilities. Our liabilities to the public are as follows:

Debitures and interest \$23,810.25

Sundry Creditors \$ 9,240.04

\$33,050.29

while our liquid assets are:

Stocks \$26,811.93

Accounts receivable \$11,317.05

Cash \$ 3,176.76

\$41,305.73

which shows a surplus of liquid assets over liabilities of \$8,255.44.

The position on the 30th September, 1929, was an excess of assets over liabilities of \$4,638.80, so that there is actually an improvement in the position of our liquid assets of \$3,656.64. This is in spite of payments made in respect of the new course, and also the renewal of water pipes on the old course, and I think you will agree with me in a position on which the Club is to be congratulated.

A Period of Activity.

This year has been one of considerable activity so far as the Club is concerned. The new 9 holes which were sanctioned at the last annual general meeting have been completed and opened for play many months earlier than had been anticipated. The cost has been greater than estimated and to date amounts to \$24,937.85. There is a further sum of \$1,400 to be paid plus the cost of laying on water to the greens and tees, possibly \$9,000, the work on which has now been commenced.

We met with unexpected difficulties from unsuspected springs which involved considerable expenditure on drainage. Further we found we required more than at first supposed and finally in order to give Members the pleasure of being able to play on two full 18 hole courses with a 9 hole relief course as early as possible we did a large amount of turning and pushed the work on as fast as possible.

The result, I think, fully justifies our efforts. The new holes provide a diversity of play and open up some beautiful scenery, and I believe in a few years' time the fairways will be as good as those of the older 18 holes and eventually be the best we have.

We have purchased more land than we are at present using, i.e., the island of I may so describe it—round which the last two of the new holes are laid out. This means that the whole of the land within the outer boundaries of our courses is now Golf Club property.

The next important item is the Happy Valley club house. This is progressing rapidly and would be practically completed but for a delay which was out of our, or our architects' control. I am glad to say all obstacles have been overcome and the new Main Club House, I would like to suggest that the incoming committee give the general position their consideration.

We really require more accommodation, the courses justify something better than we have, there is no question as to the popularity of Fanling or of the great pleasure it gives to such a large number of people.

This question is one which might well be considered certainly a little later on in the season, when the general situation is a little clearer.

Healthy Finances.

The financial position of the Club is healthy, perhaps I can best illustrate its progress by quoting the following figures:

On the 30th September, 1929, the liabilities of the Club to the public were as follows:

Debitures \$70,000

Interest 876

Sundry Creditors \$70,876

Total \$71,752

while its liquid assets were as follows:

Accounts receivable \$ 9,417

Stocks 4,750

War Loan 10,000

Cash 23,621

Total \$50,788

an excess of Liabilities over assets of \$20,964.

On the 30th September, 1930, the position was as follows:

Debitures & Interest \$23,840

Sundry Creditors 9,240

Total \$33,080

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Stocks \$26,841

Accounts 11,317

Cash 3,176

Total \$41,334

an excess of Assets over liabilities of \$8,254—a total improvement of \$23,438 after practically paying for our new Course.

We are, of course, committed for arrangements for whatever financing is necessary have been made.

We propose to repay our debentures entirely and work for the present on an overdraft on current account. This is for two reasons: first, it is cheaper—we pay only for actual needs—with a debenture issue you are committed to pay interest on the whole amount issued whether you need the money or not, and we have found ourselves from time to time with debentures on which to pay interest and money on fixed deposit earning less.

The second reason is that the present debentures have interest coupons attached which cover up to 1932 only. We propose, therefore, to redeem them entirely after the six months' notice required.

Question of Subscription.

The question of our subscription forms an important resolution which I shall move shortly, and I should like to explain the necessity for it briefly.

It has hitherto been customary to approve the \$7 subscription for full membership and the other subscriptions every two years. To avoid this I propose the resolution fixing the subscription as set out. This does not deprive members of the right to ask for a reduction or revision at any time but it does make the necessity of passing resolutions on the subject every two years.

In this connection I would like to remind you of the benefits received from your subscriptions. We believe our members get extraordinarily good value for their money. Your committee always has in mind economy consistent with good value. Last year was a difficult one owing to the drop in exchange and the consequent rise in cost of foodstuffs and liquid refreshment. By purchasing a large stock of the latter we had to raise the price of drinks very little. This policy of forward buying enabled us to avoid raising prices sharply but we shall have to do so shortly unless something happens to the dollar.

The price of meals remains the same as before except for dinner, (Continued on Page 6.)



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which, as I have already mentioned, is now \$2 instead of \$1.50 and the quality of our meals has, if anything, improved.

I say you have good reason for congratulating that a day's golf at Fanling and a moderate amount of refreshment is not costly.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the following members:—Messrs. C. P. Anderson, A. Forbes, Sir Henry Gompertz, Col. J. S. Bostock, Sir Gershom Stewart, Messrs. J. H. Ramsey and G. M. Shaw. Since the 30th September we also have to record with regret the death of two other members, Messrs. J. F. Pilcher and J. G. Whitley.

We should also record the fact that the new 18 hole course was formally opened by His Excellency the Governor on the 2nd November, and we are very grateful to his Excellency for the very kindly interest evinced in the Club by his action in honouring us in this way.

We also have to thank Mr. Felix Ellis who has kindly given us a Cup to be competed for on the New Course and open to members whose handicaps are 18. We are grateful to Mr. Ellis for his very kind gift.

The Caddies.

In my concluding, I should like to mention the question of caddies at Fanling.

This is a subject which committees for a number of years have endeavoured to deal with, but with varying success. We find ourselves at certain times of the year, that is during the paddy harvest, liable to a shortage, particularly of the bigger boys. This is a position which we cannot deal with as, although boys themselves might be willing to carry on as caddies, their parents require them to work in the fields and have even been known to come to the Club to fetch back such boys as have played truant.

Complaints have been received in respect of a number of small boys who lie in wait for balls which are played into the rough. In order to try to deal with this situation, we have now got a "caddy-police" man. He is an ex-caddy, and we propose to try him out to see whether it is possible in any way to control the activities of the boys in question.

Many methods of dealing with the caddy question in general have been tried, but in the majority of instances without any marked success, owing, in some measure, to the lack of co-operation by members. If any member has a concrete scheme which might be of benefit generally, your committee would welcome such a scheme if it could be put forward in writing for their consideration.

I must express my very sincere thanks to the outgoing committee for their co-operation and assistance, especially to the conveners of the various sub-committees for their hard work and loyal support. I can assure you that this means a great deal as the general work is not light and the conveners of a committee are a great deal to do. The club is to be congratulated on having members who are not only capable but willing to help on the committee. I am very grateful to all the members of the committee.

Appreciation.

I must make special mention here of the work of Mr. Greenhill. My fellow members of the committee will wish me to do so. Mr. Greenhill is so largely responsible for the new 9 holes and for the general upkeep of the courses which mean so much to us, that if I did not make some special reference to his efforts I should be lacking in my duty.

I should also like to express my thanks to the Secretary for his work; he is never too busy to lend a helping hand to the harassed Captain. I should like to remind members that the position of Secretary to a Club with the membership of our magnitude, with courses spread over a wide area and with a considerable financial responsibility, is no easy one. Perhaps members would try to bear that position a little more prominently in mind when they feel inclined to criticise.

I must also mention the good work of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr. Mr. Kerr particularly in pushing forward the work on our courses in spite of adverse weather, and Mrs. Kerr in taking care of the inner man and all his garden. The entering you will all agree is a great credit to Mrs. Kerr's hard work and I can tell you it is hard work. Her day of rest (i.e., Sunday) is the hardest day's work she has. All week-ends are busy ones, but we are apt to pass them over without a thought of those who do so much work for our comfort.

I should also like to thank Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company, on behalf of the Club, for kindly allowing us the use of their Board Room for this meeting.

Discussion.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, this being seconded by Mr. A. B. Stewart, who pointed out that for the first time in the history of the Club their liquid assets were more than sufficient to cover their immediate liabilities to the public. He congratulated the committee on their forward policy, particularly in going ahead with the new courses. He said that he was one of the opponents of the extensions at Fanling because he thought that the rebuilding of the main club house was, perhaps, a more important matter than the new course. It had, however, turned out to be very successful, and the accommodation to be very satisfactory, and he was inclined to change his view. At the same time, he said, he sincerely hoped that at some time the committee would deal with the question of a new club house at Fanling.

Continuing, Mr. Stewart said that as regards the continuation of the increased subscriptions he personally, thought that they were getting

good value for their money and he supported it. The resolution was carried unanimously.

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SOME PROHIBITION FACTS.

It is expected that the Prohibition issue will figure prominently in the current session of the United States Congress, a number of Bills to deal with the question having already been introduced. Some of these call for complete repeal of the Volstead Act, others seek a modification of the law, whilst still others seek to define intoxicating beverages in such a manner as to legalise the use of drinks of a certain alcoholic content. There can be little doubt that the movement towards amending the Prohibition law, if not altogether abolishing it, is growing in force, for which reason we may expect to see action of some kind taken. Dr. Clarence Wilson, who is the chairman of the Methodist Episcopal Church's board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, has recently announced that he will agree to a national referendum to determine what would prove acceptable to the country as a substitute for Prohibition, a circumstance which shows that even the "drys," of which he is spokesman, are conscious of the demand for a reconsideration of the whole question.

Some illuminating facts on the matter have been made public by Mr. Raymond Richardson, the well-known author and traveller, who has been visiting the United States. As he is practically a teetotaler, he can, as he says, be vindicated from the charge of regarding the problem from a biased standpoint. He asserts that in spite of the fact that the Prohibition regulations are becoming more and more strictly enforced, it is increasingly easy to obtain alcohol, so much so, that the price of a bottle of good whisky, which at one time stood at \$5 or \$6, is now little more than \$2. As the authorities demand stricter enforcement of their rules, so do the bootleggers become more expert in their business. Mr. Richardson says he attended a dinner at which several police officials and a Court Judge consumed champagne with their food, and he adds that at any important social function, excepting public affairs, the host is expected to dispense liquor. The ease with which it is possible to obtain anything from liquor, brandy to the best champagne is laughable. One has only to ring up one's bootlegger, we read, tell him the requirements, and delivery will follow in the course of a few hours. This is the method adopted by the rich; the poorer people have to resort to their own skills

and the drinking of "hooch," a vile, poisonous concoction which is responsible for more deaths in a year than either cancer or tuberculosis. Mr. Richardson agrees that if it were possible by the wave of a magic wand to prevent everybody in America from drinking alcohol, no harm would be done. Theoretically, there is something to be said for Prohibition, but in practice it has been proved to be an impossibility. It is not so much a question of Prohibition itself, as the offshoots of the system, which bring in their train boot-legging gangs of incredible power, gang warfare, and all manner of establishments of a shady character. In the opinion of members of the Crime Commission formed last year by President Hoover, the repeal of the Prohibition law is the only way of stamping out the terrible crime wave in the United States.

When we read disinterested views like these, it becomes apparent that Prohibition in America is nothing but a sheer farce. The freedom with which liquor can be secured in a country which makes its consumption illegal is nothing short of amazing. The truth is, of course, that in a matter of this kind, control, and not attempted prohibition, is the real solution. As with the opium and prostitution problems, to attempt rigorous suppression is merely to drive the evil underground, not to eliminate it. Slowly but surely, the people of the United States are coming round to that viewpoint.

Sino-Soviet Deadlock.

General Mo Teh-hui is returning from Moscow this week, ostensibly to report progress in the negotiations with the Soviet. His chief task, however, will be to explain lack of progress and the necessity for reconsideration by Nanking of their instructions regarding the procedure of reconciliation. The conversations have dragged on for months and the status of the Chinese Eastern Railway is no nearer definition. Of course, this facts does not particularly worry Moscow. The Soviet believe they hold the whiphand and that they can afford to wait, holding that the apparently insoluble problem is easy of settlement as soon as China recognises the inevitable. Moscow demands the working out of the Habarovsk Protocol which was signed by Mo Teh-hui in December last year, bringing an end to the border hostilities. The Protocol provides not only for the restoration of the status quo ante on the C. E. R. but—far more important from the Soviet viewpoint—also for a settlement of other outstanding questions between the two countries. At first sight this request appears to be perfectly reasonable, but in fact it contains serious complications. It would imply a resumption of normal diplomatic relations, which China is exceedingly loth to undertake. Nanking has been adamant hitherto, insisting that the negotiations shall concern the C. E. R. dispute and that only, though even this attitude places them in an exceedingly difficult position, that of negotiating with a Power they do not recognise regarding a railway running through Chinese territory. The Habarovsk Protocol was, of course, concluded under duress, and the Nanking Government took the earliest opportunity of repudiating it. Meanwhile Chang Hsueh-hang has carried out most of its terms respecting the railway and it may be taken for granted that his talks with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking brought the entire issue into the front. Mo Teh-hui's return, however, does not suggest that Nanking's attitude has undergone any radical change, and the main obstacle to an agreement remains. Perhaps Gen. Mo will be able to persuade Nanking to spend a little more thought on the terms of reconciliation. It may be taken for granted that both parties are loth to see any repetition of the follies of last year.

One large and two small sewing machines and three heat gauges, valued at \$126, were stolen from a factory at 175, Portland Street some time between 3 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. yesterday.

DAY BY DAY

THE MAN WORTHY OF BEING RICH IS HE WHOM POVERTY COULD NOT DEBASE, OR FORTUNE MAKE PROUD.—*Latana.*

The Empress of Canada is due here from Shanghai at 7 a.m. on Thursday.

The P. and O. s.s. Perim, from Singapore, is now due here at 7 a.m. to-morrow, instead of at 5 p.m., as previously notified.

After having bitten Gunner Barker of Mount Davis Barracks, a yellow chow bitch belong to Ip Choi, of the Sang Lee firm of building contractors, in Victoria Road, has been removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

Described as a coolie on board the s.s. Nam Ping, a young Chinese was ordered to receive ten strokes of the cane by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning for being in possession of 53 taels of raw opium.

Whilst running across Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, in front of a motor bus yesterday, a small boy, Wong Shiu-long, of 210, Portland Street, was knocked down and fatally injured. The body was later removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Arrested on board the s.s. Tean just after her arrival in port yesterday, a Northern Chinese employed on board as a watchman, was found to have twelve taels of raw opium tied under his arm pit. He was brought before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning and fined \$350, or three months' hard labour.

A respectfully-dressed Chinese married woman, named Wong Kan, aged 37, appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of "shop lifting." She was alleged to have stolen 13 yards of satin from Messrs. Wassiamull Assomull of 46, Queen's Road. The defendant was remanded on bail of \$250.

On a charge of being in possession of 6.5 taels of prepared opium, a Chinese, who was arrested in a divan at 9, Wing Hing Street, was fined \$500 or three months' hard labour by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning. A further fine of \$200, or two months' imprisonment, was passed on a second count of keeping an opium divan.

Alfred Warner, who was remanded by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, on a charge of having stolen away on the President Polk, from Shanghai, was discharged this morning. A police officer said he could not furnish evidence against the defendant and accordingly asked for a discharge. The defendant had a proper passport.

What has been regarded by the authorities as a false report of an armed highway robbery was made to the police early this morning by a Chinese, who said that he had been held up by a man armed with a revolver outside the Lai Wah Company's premises in Des Voeux Road, Central. It was found that the alleged victim was mentally deranged and after he was removed to the Mental Hospital the police circulated a message to other stations that the report was false.

THAT MISSING LINK.

AS ELUSIVE AS EVER.

By Dr. J. J. Scanlan.

THE finding of fossilised remains of an extinct type of man in a cave in Peking has added zest to seekers after the "missing link."

The discovery of the Peking man was similarly acclaimed, but there still seems to be very little evidence of man's descent from the anthropoid ape.

The age of the Peking find is estimated by geologists to be about 1,000,000 years, and it is a very primitive type. Unfortunately, however, such finds seldom help towards establishing the missing link, for the most important members of the body, the small bones of the hand, have in the course of time disappeared. But so far all discoveries of complete remains of primitive man have the well-developed hand indicative of human intelligence.

Nearly all anthropologists are inclined to agree that if the missing link is to be found it will probably be through the hand and not the skull that it will be traced.

We may compare the hoof of the horse, the wing of the bird, the paw of the cat—all are relative to the human hand—and coming to the paw of the chimpanzee or anthropoid ape expect to find some resemblance.

But man is distinct from the most perfect type of ape, in that the paws of the animal have nothing like the characteristic shape of man's four fingers and thumb.

A Great Difference.

Sufficient evidence is to be found in the thumb to denote a vast difference. The thumb of even the most degenerate man is perfect when compared with the weakness of the anthropoid digit, while the general formation of the hand speaks conclusively of man's superior intelligence.

The monkey can be trained, and learns slowly by trial and error to do almost any trick. But we may examine the paw of the most highly "educated" ape, the offspring of parents similarly brought up, and still be unable to trace any resemblance to, or tendency to become akin to, the intelligent hand of man.

The ingenuity of the human hand is the outcome of man's intellect. As man became civilised the hand grew more refined. A sense of touch and expression developed, unknown elsewhere in the animal world.

Geology, anatomy, and chemistry have combined, and bit by bit they are arriving at some idea of the age of the earth and its inhabitants. Various stages of evolution have been traced, and the present is slowly being connected with the past. But, despite our ever-increasing knowledge, no evidence has yet come to light to confirm the theory of man's descent from the ape.

Men and Machines.

Excavations of the antiquities of Ur, dating back some 300 years B.C., have revealed not specimens of primitive handiwork, but examples of animal sculpture in metal the finest ever discovered.

It is true that a period of 400 or 500 years means nothing when one thinks in terms of 1,000,000 years, but we do at least begin to appreciate

the evolution which has taken place in the human intellect since the days of primitive man.

To-day man's intellect produces machines which render him less dependent on his hands, while increasing the scope of his activities. His livelihood is becoming more and more dependent on intellect, and in consequence another stage of evolution is marked in the refined development of his hand.

His connexion with the apes seems, therefore, more remote than ever, and the missing link a mere fancy.

Pinkerton and the Ghost.

A Markinch Tale.

AFTER having spent a cheerful evening at Balfour House with Mr. Bethune and his family, he was found in the morning in his bedroom sitting in a chair with one stocking in his hand quite dead.

This sentence is taken from a monument in Markinch Parish Church, or, as it is now called in consequence of Union, St. Dorstan's Church. The monument perpetuates the memory of the Rev. John Pinkerton, who was minister of the parish from 1758 to 1784, after having previously ministered for fifteen years in the Parish of Dalziel. The inscription explains that the monument was erected by the only child of Pinkerton and his wife, Anna Drummond of Hawthornden, in memory of her parents, and indicates that their "earthly remains" are interred at a spot 23 feet north from the south-west window of the church.

While, however, the inscription is so careful to describe the manner of Pinkerton's death, and to define the exact locality of his grave, it is singularly silent as to the manner of his life. Nor does it explain why it was considered necessary to put the word quite before the word dead upon the monument.

The Haunted Room.

The reverend gentleman had apparently been invited to spend the night at Balfour House, and the evening would seem to have been devoted to revelry and merriment. It would appear, also, from the inscription that he had passed away suddenly when undressing, probably in the small hours of the morning, after his jovial evening, the reader being left to form his own conclusions as to whether his unexpected demise had anything to do with his "cheerful evening."

Tradition or rumour, however, in the neighbourhood has it that circumstances not referred to on the monument had not a little to do with the tragic end of the reverend gentleman. Balfour House of that day boasted a haunted room and as the accommodation of the mansion was somewhat overtaxed by the number of guests invited to the festive evening—whatever the occasion may have been—it was arranged that Pinkerton should occupy this room.

Pinkerton, aware, as he must have been, of the ghost story, would probably have preferred to find his way home, and would certainly have done so had he suspected the plot of which he was to be the central figure. In any case, he is not likely to have felt very comfortable as he closed his bedroom door behind him. And, not quite sure of his ability to brave the ghost, he may have put off some little time before undressing, and may even have worked himself up into a condition of nervous excitement before the practical joke, which is said to have been responsible for his death, was played upon him.

A Tragic Joke.

As he sat undressing, not, perhaps, without apprehension as to what the haunted room might have in store for him, before the dawn of day, a trap door in the floor of his room was slowly and silently pushed up, and as Pinkerton, with raising hair and staring eyes, watched the gradually enlarging aperture a ghostly head began to appear, and Pinkerton, who had suffered from a weak heart, fell back dead, to the consternation of the fellow guest who had agreed to impersonate the ghost.

Tradition has it also that John Pinkerton and Anna Drummond did not altogether "hit it off," but as he rode away on his favourite horse upon his last journey, Anna remarked to a friend who was watching his departure with her from one of the manse windows, "John Pinkerton may be anything ye like, but he's a gay handsome man, and I wouldn't like anything to come over 'im."

H. M.



"Ask him if he can't just leave the dress, and I'll decide tonight if I want to keep it."

QUICK CHANGES IN BRUSSELS.**DEADLOCK, ACCORD, BREAKDOWN.****POLAND ARGUES FOR MERE 1,000 TONS.****SUGAR DIFFICULTIES.**

Brussels, Dec. 15. A deadlock, an announcement that complete agreement had been reached and a further statement admitting that two of the European countries concerned had declined to sign the agreement at the eleventh hour, followed quickly one upon another at the International Sugar Conference to-day.

The final breakdown means that the Conference will have to strive further for an agreement to-morrow.

The first announcement regarding the negotiations stated: "The situation appears to be practically deadlocked in consequence of the attitude of the German delegates, who insist upon a larger export quota."

New German Plan.

It is believed that the Germans are now willing slightly to modify their demands. In the extent of substituting for 420,000 tons as their annual export quota, 450,000 tons in the first year, and 550,000 tons for the next four years.

The Germans may leave for Berlin to-night to confer with their co-principals, and in such case, the Conference will probably be suspended until January.

Agreement Reached.

Later, The International Sugar Conference held its final session this afternoon and definitely concluded an agreement fixing the annual export quotas from European countries, as follows:

Total: 1,299,000 tons.
Czechoslovakia: 600,000.
Poland: 319,000.
Hungary: 85,000.
Belgium: 36,000.
Germany: 200,000.

In regard to the Java and Cuba figures, these will be enforced according to the settlement reached at Amsterdam.

Mr. Chadbourne's Task.

Mr. Chadbourne was authorised to negotiate with the representatives of the German sugar industry in regard to the German demand for an increase in their quota.

It was also agreed that the sugar stabilisation proposals are not to be enforced until the Germans have agreed to the Chadbourne Plan.

The European exporters are to meet again at Brussels on February 2, 1931 to consider the results of Mr. Chadbourne's negotiations with the Germans. The delegates representing the German sugar industry left Brussels to-night.

Last Minute Breakdown.

Later, The signatures to the Report fixing the national sugar quotas were postponed at the last moment owing to a demand by the Hungarian and Polish delegates for an increase in their quotas.

The Hungarians demanded an increase from 85,000 tons to 90,000, and the Poles demanded an increase to 320,000 tons. It is notable that both the increases demanded are extremely small, the Polish asking for an additional thousand tons only.

The matter is to be discussed again to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.**SERIOUS BUT NOT REALLY DESPERATE.**

Paris, Dec. 15. The first task of the new Government, if it survives, will be to obtain a vote on the Budget before the expiry of the financial year on March 31st next.

The Budget has already been prepared and partly discussed by the Finance Commission of the Chamber. Its author, M. Martin, who was Minister of the Budget under M. Tardieu is now Minister of Finance, while M. Palmade (Radical) is now Minister of the Budget.

M. Palmade will adopt M. Martin's text, slightly modified. Both Ministers received the Press to-day and expressed their complete agreement "to carry into effect the existing draft, subject to such changes as circumstances naturally dictate."

Speaking jointly, the Ministers declared that "the financial situation in France, though serious, is in no wise desperate."—*Reuter.*

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In value for money, also, there can be few books for the little tots to equal "Animal Fun and Frolic," which is one of the Golden Picture Books. These volumes each comprise nearly seventy pages of brightly written text, with lavish illustrations, including two colour plates. Bound in picture boards, with an effective coloured cover, they sell at the amazingly low price of 1s. 6d. The production is equal to that of the highest class gift books.

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Good value is also to be found in "The New Little Wonder Books," each with over twenty really artistic pictures in colour by talented artists. This delightful series at 1s. 6d. will command a very ready sale. "Willie Winkle," included amongst the number, is a typical volume, and the colour work of Margaret W. Tarrant is really charming.

Amongst the stories for boys we cannot imagine anything likely to be more engrossing than "Bringing Down the Air Pirates," by John F. C. Westerman, with illustrations by W. E. Wiggall. In this story a wonderful new airship, which can float on the sea and pass as a merchant vessel, but which, at the touch of a switch, can rise up and become a speed-ship of the air, takes us on a series of adventures as thrilling and exciting as could be conceived in its chase after another air-boat which is cruising the world bent on evil designs. Issued at 3s. 6d. net, this book would delight the heart of any boy.

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A Chinese was convicted on a charge of larceny of a woollen sweater belonging to Master Tom Cavallo, a student of St. Joseph's School, Grayville Road, yesterday afternoon, when accused appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The defendant had two previous convictions, one for larceny and one for false pretences.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of John Herbert Percival Southby, Naval Officer, of H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, to Miss Beth Jessie Story, Peninsula Hotel.

IMPROPER USE OF SAMPANS.**DIFFICULTIES WHICH POLICE EXPERIENCE.****MARINE COURT CASE.**

"I am not concerned with the difficulties experienced by the police, but only with Court procedure," said the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, when a man and woman were charged with using their sampans for the conveyance of women in the harbour for the purpose of prostitution.

His Worship said this in reply to a remark made by Sub-Inspector Chevalier on the difficulty of obtaining evidence in a case of this nature.

In his evidence, Sub-Inspector Chevalier said that at about 10 p.m. yesterday, he was on patrol on a motor boat when he saw the male defendant's sampan with three women on board. He called the sampan alongside and it seemed to him that the women on board had the appearance of being prostitutes. They were rather overdressed and their faces were painted.

Just before seeing the male defendant's sampan, he said, he noticed another sampan, of which the woman who was charged, was the mistress. On board this sampan were another four women and these also had the appearance of being prostitutes.

Continuing, witness said he took them all to the Water Police Station, where the women, excepting one, admitted being prostitutes.

S. I. Chevalier's evidence was corroborated by a Chinese sergeant in plain clothes who was on duty with him at the time of the occurrence.

The female defendant stated that she did not know that the women she carried were prostitutes. She was passing the s.s. Kueichow, she said, when she was hailed by a number of women, who asked her to take them ashore, and she consented.

Looking up the regulations, his Worship remarked that there was no doubt that the male defendant was guilty. According to the regulations, "no boat shall be used in the harbour for the conveyance of women for the purpose of prostitution." His Worship took it to mean that vessels were not allowed to take women from shore to ship for the purpose of prostitution, not from ship to shore.

Sub-Inspector Munro:—This is the usual excuse they give, your Worship.

His Worship:—The onus of proving the case lies with the prosecution, but no evidence has been given to the effect that the female defendant was not taking the women from ship to shore, as she says.

In reply to his Worship regarding the possibility of getting the women concerned to give evidence, S. I. Chevalier said it was very difficult to obtain reliable evidence from that source.

His Worship:—I am not concerned at all with the difficulties experienced by the police, but only with Court procedure.

His Worship went on to say that no evidence had been given by the police that what the defendant said that the women admitted they were prostitutes, but that was only hearsay evidence, and his Worship could not take that.

The first defendant had admitted the offence and his Worship said he would impose a fine of \$50 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour. With regard to the second defendant, the charge against her had not been proved, and she would be discharged.

DEATH PENALTY IN BRITAIN.**ABOLITION FOR FIVE YEARS RECOMMENDED.**

London, Dec. 15. The Report of the Select Committee on Capital Punishment recommends that a Bill be enacted during the present session, abolishing the death penalty for an experimental period of five years.—*Reuter.*

We are asked to state that the full text of the Chairman's reply to Mr. B. W. Bradbury at the annual general meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., yesterday, was as follows:—"All I have to say is that the recommendations made in this report were carefully considered by your Directors at the time, and as for depreciation, I have already explained in my speech how that was arrived at. However the Directors are glad to have the opinion of shareholders, and will take your remarks into consideration. There is nothing you wish to have specifically answered, Mr. Bradbury?"

WOMAN DENIES GUILT.**OPIUM POSSESSION CASE ADJOURNED.**

A Chinese woman passenger by the Tai-ping boat on Saturday last appeared before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, on a charge of being in possession of 169 taels of prepared opium.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant and entered a plea of not guilty, his defence being that the luggage in which the drug was found belonged to another woman.

A Chinese Revenue Officer gave evidence of having stopped two coolies as they were carrying a basket off the Ping On Wharf. When questioned, the coolies pointed out the defendant as the person who had engaged them. On the defendant's appearance, she was interrogated by the Revenue Officer, whom she told that she was carrying the luggage off the wharf for another woman.

On the basket being opened, it being unlocked, a quantity of opium was found concealed in a false bottom. In other luggage which had already been removed from the wharf a further quantity of opium was found.

When the coolie first engaged by the defendant was called to give evidence he said that he had seen a woman standing near the defendant on the boat but did not see her afterwards. He denied that the defendant told him she was waiting for the return of this woman, nor did he assure the defendant that the luggage would be safe in his custody.

The hearing was adjourned until Friday morning.

GENERAL STRIKE AT THE GAOL.

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mark, the prison was a hive of industry wherein printed matter, hemp mats and other products of inmate labour were turned out in large quantities.

Later, a portion of the gaol has been pulled down, for reconstruction, and the space cleared by two forbidding-looking wings meeting at a no less grim bastion at an angle. In these two buildings much of the activity usually associated with prison life had been carried on by the 300 or more convicts remaining until standstill by the strike which is stated to have brought a total suspension of work this morning.

Up to the time of going to press, official precautions have not been relaxed and the situation remains unchanged.

FANLING HUNT.**AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON WITH THE HOUNDS.**

Hounds met at Bill's Corner at 3.15 on Saturday 14th and a few minutes after the huntsman moved off to draw the rough ground on the south side of the main road.

Hounds were well hunted throughout, and it was only at the conclusion of the second run that the pack strung out at all.

Owing to the racing at Happy Valley, there was only a small field out and the master was still unable to attend. It is hoped that he will soon be up again.

Amongst those who hunted were H.E. the Governor and Capt. Colman, Col. Brownrigg and two of the Tai-pohu community, whom we hope to see again. Mrs. Brownrigg, a firm supporter is unfortunately laid up with a damaged knee—the result of Wednesday's hunt. The Navy and Royal Air Force were represented by Commander Lambert and Wing Commander Woods.

The hunt that have been sick with distemper are convalescing well and with the addition of two and a half couples, expected on the 16th December, the Master will probably use two packs, a fast and a slow one. This should be possible about the middle of January when both weather and hunting conditions are more suitable for hunting.

The following amendment is brought to notice in connexion with moats already published. The meet on Boxing Day will be at 3 p.m. at Mrs. Paterson's house—by invitation, and not at the Hunters Arms. A Cap will be taken for a Xmas Box for the two British kennelsmen.

The following is the result of the \$1 raffle, organised by the Children of Mary stall, at the St. Vincent de Paul bazaar: 1st Prize ticket No. 177, 2nd Prize ticket No. 220, 3rd Prize ticket No. 130, 4th Prize ticket No. 282, 5th Prize ticket No. 109, 6th Prize ticket No. 185, 7th Prize ticket No. 65, 8th Prize ticket No. 2, 9th Prize ticket No. 127, 10th Prize ticket No. 350, 11th Prize ticket No. 70.

On behalf of Messrs. Huntley and Palmers, the famous Reading biscuit manufacturers, Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., local agents, are distributing attractive wall calendars, showing the Tower of London.

EXTENSIONS TO TUNG WAH.**OFFICIAL OPENING THIS MORNING.****LADY PEEL PRESENT.**

High praise for the work of the Tung Wah Hospital, was given in a speech this morning, at the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital extensions at Soekunpoo, by Mr. E. R. Hallifax on behalf of His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel). Lady Peel opened the new wings.

Mr. Hallifax said that owing to a slight injury, His Excellency had found it impossible to be present to open the extensions, and he had been asked to read His Excellency's speech. No one regretted his absence more than Sir William, said Mr. Hallifax, as his keen interest in all movements connected with hospitals was well known.

His Excellency in his speech declared that Tung Wah was one of the oldest hospitals in Hongkong, and certainly much older than many present. It was started in 1870. He quoted Dr. Wellington, who had said that the hospital was doing incalculable benefit to Hongkong in giving relief to the poor, instructing people in health education and as a medium between the health authorities and the masses, which His Excellency fully endorsed. Sir William reviewed the activities and remarked that he had been greatly impressed with the efficiency of the hospital when he had visited it, and he congratulated the directors on their work and wished the hospital continued success.

Mr. Leung Pat-U (chairman) said that the idea of the eastern hospital was conceived in 1926 and the Government granted the site in the following year. Definite plans were made in 1928 and the building was completed last year. Predecessors had left a little to be done and it was decided to alleviate the congestion in the hospital by adding the extensions. The responsibility of part of the cost—\$45,000—had been borne by the 17 Directors who had found the money by outside and personal donations and theatre performances. The extensions would increase the number of beds to 70, and would provide quarters for 16 nurses.

Mr. Leung Pat-U's speech was translated into English and Mr. Kotewall interpreted. Mr. Hallifax's speech into Cantonese, after which Lady Peel officially declared the building open by firing a string of crackers. An inspection of the extensions was made.

"THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD."**STILL SOME GOOD SEATS AVAILABLE.**

The Philharmonic Society's performance of "The Yeomen of the Guard" at the Theatre Royal last night was probably the best so far given. All in excellent form, the principals made the most of their parts, in which they seemed quite at home, whilst those in subsidiary roles also contributed greatly to the success. The chorus was really excellent, and, thanks to the good work of Mr. Mason as conductor, there was an entire absence of raggedness. A word must also be said in praise of the orchestra.

Great delight was given by the beautiful singing of the trios and quartettes, in which connexion "Strange Adventure" may be specially mentioned as being delightfully rendered.

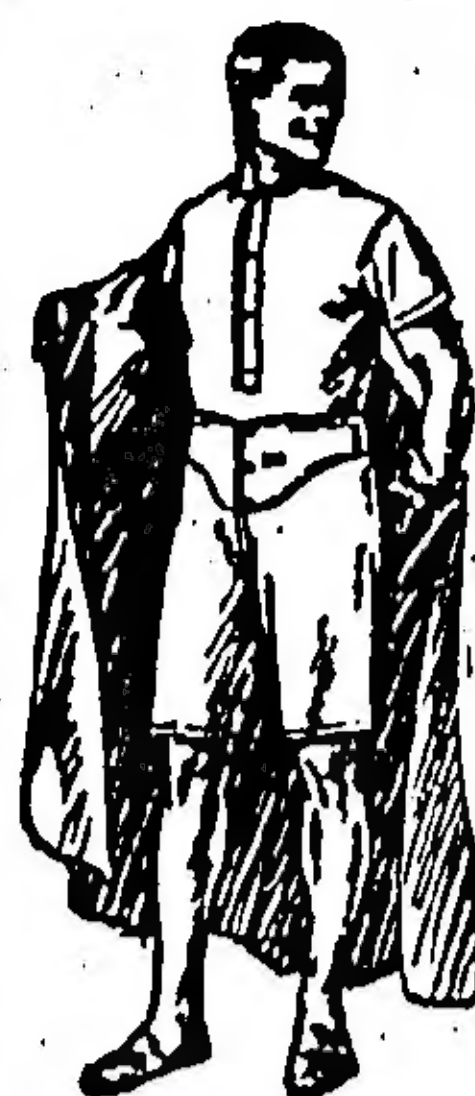
The public is reminded that very few opportunities remain for seeing this admirably produced operetta. Saturday night's booking is full, but there are still some good seats available for the matinee to-morrow and for the performances on Thursday and Friday. Past experience has shown that many people leave their booking until the last moment, often to find that they cannot get reservations. Those, therefore, who intend seeing the show are strongly advised to book their seats without delay.

Capt. Matusi, master of the fishing schooner Karumo Maru, was summoned before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning on two counts, (a) for failing to register the arrival of his vessel on November 14 and (b) failing to obtain a clearance before leaving the harbour.

Capt. Matusi pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or six weeks on the first count and the same fine was imposed on the second.

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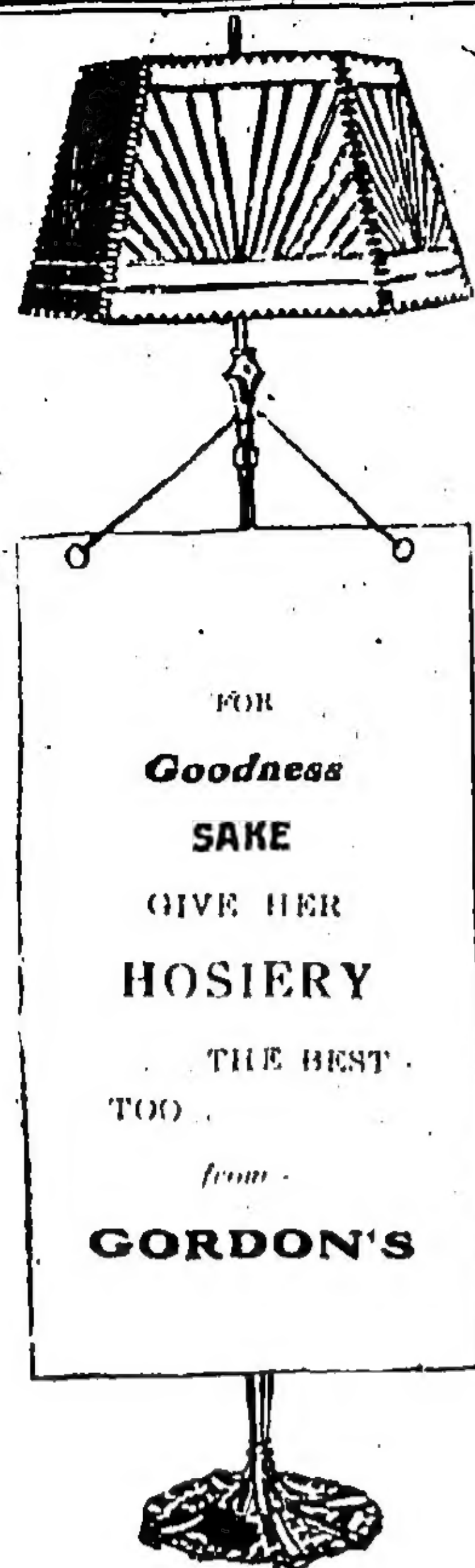
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**HONGKONG SECURE FLAG IN
CLOSE CONTESTS.**

KEEN TUSSLES.

Shamoen, Dec. 14.
Some very close racing was the feature of the Interport Regatta held here yesterday. The honours were very evenly divided, Hongkong winning the flag by securing the two principal events, the Senior and Junior Fours, whilst Canton won the other four Interport events in the programme, namely the Senior and Junior Pairs and the Griffin Fours and Pairs.

Both Hongkong wins were secured by a very narrow margin, the Senior Fours for the Cameron Challenge Cup by half a length, whilst the Junior for the Hongkong Telegraph Challenge Cup was a still closer race, the verdict going to Hongkong only by a canvas. This is the third time in succession that the Hongkong Telegraph Challenge Cup has gone to Hongkong.

The Canton Griffins were exceptionally good and won both their events, Fours and Pairs, the latter by ten lengths and the former by half a length.

The Canton Senior Pair triumphed for the fourth time in succession, winning the Schubert Challenge Cup by three-quarters of a length; whilst the Junior Pair again retained the Otto Challenge Cup by an easy margin of four lengths.

The Naval Race proved an easy victory for H. M. S. Moth, the crew from the Cantonese Franciscan Argus having the misfortune to break a rowlock within a few yards of the start.

Events Described.

In the Griffin Pairs, over a 1/2 mile course, the Canton Rowing Club's crew secured a good start and increasing their lead from the start they crossed the finishing line 10 lengths ahead of Hongkong. The Canton crew rowed really well for a Griffin crew.

The Senior Fours, for the Cameron Challenge Cup, was rowed over a one mile course. Both crews got away well with Canton slightly in the lead, Hongkong drawing level at the quarter mile. A very exciting race ensued, the Yacht Club getting the lead near the finish, to cross the line with a final spurt half a length ahead of the Canton boat.

The Junior Pairs over a 1/2 mile course, for the Otto Challenge Cup, proved an easy win for Canton, whose crew finished four lengths ahead after having had the lead from the start.

In the Griffin Fours, both crews were somewhat ragged, but after rowing very level throughout, the Canton crew managed to secure a win by the narrow margin of half a length.

The Senior Pairs over a 1/2 mile course, for the Schubert Challenge Cup, was secured by Canton, by half a length.

"Telegraph Cup" Struggle.

The Junior Fours, for the Hongkong Telegraph Challenge Cup, over a mile course, proved the closest event of the day, there being barely a quarter length difference between the two boats at any time during the race. Both boats got away together with a fast stroke, each endeavouring to get the lead at the start. Both were level at the quarter mile, Canton very slightly in the lead at the half mile, and level again at the three-quarter mile. Hongkong put on their final spurt which was immediately followed by Canton, and though the two boats held each other, the Hongkong boat passed the finishing line a bare canvas ahead of the Canton boat.

Both H. M. S. Moth and the Cantonese Franciscan Argus were present at the Regatta which took place at Encounter Reach about a mile and a quarter above Shamoen. A large number of spectators were present and enjoyed the racing in ideal weather. The prizes were distributed on board H. M. S. Moth by Mrs. Hoffmeister at the conclusion of the last race.

In the evening, the crews and members of both the Canton and Hongkong Clubs gathered in the Canton Club for the Interport dinner, where Mr. A. Hoffmeister (President of the

SALE OF PONIES.

**SOME WELL-KNOWN NAMES
IN BUNCH OF 23.**

Some well-known race ponies were put up for auction yesterday afternoon at the Hongkong Jockey Club stables at Causeway Bay. The prices paid were on the whole quite good, and in two cases the purchase price exceeded \$1,000. A chestnut Derby griffin fetched \$1,225 and a grey stallion, also a Derby griffin, was sold for \$1,100.

The following is the full list of ponies sold, with their purchase prices:

The Jamaica	70
Billiards	80
Red Skin	85
Young Rascal	25
Mongolian Prince	45
Good & Hot	110
Little River	300
Christmas Belle	700
Tarmacadam	55
Chestnut sub griffin, season 1931, height 13 1/4	70
Chestnut Mare, Derby griffin, Keylock & Pratt's measurement certificate dated 15th July, 1930, age 7 years, height 13 1/2	1,225
Grey Stallion Derby Griffin, Keylock & Pratt's measurement certificate dated 15th July, 1930, height 13 1/2	1,100
Fifty Fifty late Islam "p" Class pony, height 13 1/2, winner of many races, good jumper	750
Therian, Stakes won \$1,200 this year, sub griffin 1931	80
Rising Star, sub griffin 1931	25
Zephyr, winner and placed at extra meetings	250
Tonight, 2 wins, 1 second and 1 third at Extra Meetings	325
Third Key	230
Siamese Shop	50
Martini Cocktail	160
Grey Polo Pony	45
Osiris	270
King's Counsel	500

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The Y.M.C.A. second hockey eleven, which will play a match against the Kowloon Ladies at King's Park this afternoon at 5 p.m., is as follows: W. J. Scott, A. N. O'Brien, W. Starr, W. J. Brown, R. A. Bates, L. Steiman, L. Ferguson, L. Macey, W. H. Smith, L. Perry, L. Coombes.

C.R.C. president, He gave the toast of the Hongkong Club, to which Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Commander of the R.H.K.Y.C.) and Mr. A. L. Shields responded. Later the company adjourned to the theatre adjoining the Club, and took part in a special dance.

Regatta Officials.

The officials for the regatta were: Mr. A. Hoffmeister (President, C.R.C.); Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Commander, R.H.K.Y.C.); Mr. R. Rasmussen (Captain, C.R.C.); Mr. A. H. Chambers (Captain, R.H.K.Y.C.); and Mr. V. E. C. Ferrier (Secretary, C.R.C.).

Lieut. Commander Knight, R.N., Messrs. R. K. Batchelor, M. A. Annett and E. W. Carpenter acted as judges; Mr. J. Baud and Mr. A. Shields as umpires and Mr. W. H. Kohler as starter.

The results were: Griffin Pairs (1/2 mile).—1, C. R. C. (P. Busse, bow, H. Reimers, stroke, and L. B. Wood, Cox); 2, R.H.K.Y.C. (A. M. Cochran, T. S. Marshall and J. H. Davy). Time 4:22 secs.

Senior Fours (1 mile) for Cameron Challenge Cup.—1, R.H.K.Y.C. (A. H. Chambers, bow, C. B. Easterbrook, No. 2, K. S. Robertson, No. 3, H. Fulley, stroke, and F. P. Lenfesty, Cox); 2, C.R.C. (W. A. B. Gardner, O. Plate, J. H. Frolich, R. Rasmussen, and H. W. Hewett). Time, 5:21 secs.

Junior Pairs (1/2 mile) for the Otto Challenge Cup.—1, C.R.C. (R. Brind, bow, R. E. W. Ashby, stroke, L. B. Wood, Cox); 2, R.H.K.Y.C. (G. T. May, J. D. H. Crawford and I. G. Allison). Time 4:57 1/2 secs.

Griffin Fours (one mile).—1, C.R.C. (E. Stirling, bow, J. H. Biggs, No. 2, F. Busse, No. 3, H. Reimers, stroke, and L. B. Wood, Cox); 2, R.H.K.Y.C. (A. M. Cochran, T. S. Marshall, L. W. Whips, F. H. Hartley and J. H. Davy). Time, 5:53 secs.

Senior Pairs (1/2 mile) for the Schubert Challenge Cup.—1, C.R.C. (J. H. Frolich, bow, R. Rasmussen, stroke, H. W. Hewett, Cox); 2, R.H.K.Y.C. (A. H. Chambers, H. Dalley and I. G. Allison). Time, 4:54 secs.

Junior Fours (1 mile) for the Hongkong Telegraph Challenge Cup.—1, R.H.K.Y.C. (G. T. May, bow, G. G. S. Thomson, No. 2, M. H. Arnold, No. 3, J. D. H. Crawford, stroke, I. G. Allison, Cox); 2, C.R.C. (H. Brind, H. Volmers, V. E. C. Ferrier, R. R. W. Ashby and L. B. Wood). Time, 6:37 secs.

Naval Race (1/2 mile).—H.M.S. Moth v.s. from Cantonese Franciscan Argus in 5:35 secs.



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**THE NG SZE-KWONG CUP
COMPETITION.**

The following is the result of the first round of the Services billiard tournament held at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night for the Ng Sze-kwong Billiards Challenge Cups:

R.A.M.C.	
Graham	150
Janon	145
Flid	150
Davies	150
Wiese	144
	740

H.M.S. Berwick.	
Tremelling	100
Yeo	150
Kerfoot	111
Lutkins	129
Sharland	150
	640

The draw for the second round is as under:—R.A.M.C. v. H.M.S. "Stormcloud"; H.M.S. "Medway" v. H.M.S. "Thracian"; R. F. Serjts, v. H.M.S. "Tamar"; A. and S.H. v. R.A.O.C.

LOCAL YACHTING.

**THE FOURTH LADIES'
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The fourth Ladies' Championship race under the auspices of the R.H.K.Y.C. Yacht Club was sailed yesterday, the course being—Chanel Rocks (S), Mark on Line (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rocks (S). Distance, 7 1/2 miles. The following were the result:

H. Class, Started 3 p.m.	
Yacht	Time, Position
Yacht	4:23.13 6 Mrs. Hincham
Collins	4:29.53 4 Miss M. Larsen
Buller	4:32.01 5 Mrs. T. Thompson
La Linda	4:30.28 3 Mrs. J.C. Mackle
Norras	4:29.08 2 Mrs. Friemall
Dorchester	4:18.29 1 Mrs. D.C. Lambert
L.Y. and G. Started 2.05 p.m.	
Jessamine	4:44.04 5 Mrs. H.O. Hughes
Why Wonder?	4:41.10 4 Mrs. M. de Lisle
Bluejacket	4:38.17 2 Mrs. J. Adams
Boatman	4:38.57 1 Mrs. G. Pickering
Speedwell	4:38.55 3 Mrs. P.S. Stewart

HOCKEY.

The Club's 1st XI v. H.M.S. "Medway," on Wednesday, 17th December, at 6 p.m. on the U.S.R.C. Ground—Goalkeepers: W. Woodward, J. E. Henry; M. G. Mills, A. Dand, J. Noronha; T. J. Price, C. Francis, H. Owen Hughes, M. G. Marriott, G. R. More.

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R.H.K. GOLF CLUB AFFAIRS.

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love and enthusiasm for the Club. It is also very desirable that he should be a man of business experience and ability, and centrally situated where he can easily be found in usual office hours.

In Mr. Stewart you have all these qualifications happily blended. In addition to which Mr. Stewart has served the Club on the committee and in the position of Captain once before, and, consequently, has an intimate knowledge of its affairs, which, I can assure you, is most necessary. I have much pleasure, gentlemen, in proposing Mr. A. H. Stewart as Captain of the Club for the ensuing year.

This was seconded by Mr. L. S. Greenhill and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart thanked them for the honour done to him, and said he would do all he could to make things go smoothly. He expressed the hope that all members would do their little bit to make things easy.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. H. U. Ireland, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$1,200 per annum.

The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. Archibut, Brown, Dodwell, Franks, Ireland, Lambert, Smith, White Smith and P. J. de Rome.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution, remarking that as it was worked it was liable to misinterpretation and it would be necessary for an amendment to be moved after wards.

"From and after the 31st of December, 1930, the subscription of a playing member who uses all the Club courses and Club houses shall be \$7 a month. The subscription of a playing member who does not use the courses or stay at the Club houses at Fanning shall be \$5 a month. Provided that if a member paying the latter subscription desires from time to time to use the said courses, or stay at either Club house, he shall pay a green fee of \$1 per day."

This was seconded by Mr. C. Hunter Johnson.

In moving an amendment, Mr. E. Davidson said that as he was responsible for the present wording of the resolution he had to pay the penalty by proposing the amendment. The amended resolution was, "From and after the 31st, December, 1930, the subscription of a playing member who used the courses and Club houses at Fanning shall be \$7 a month. The subscription of a playing member who does not use the courses or play at the Club houses at Fanning shall be \$5 a month, provided that if the member paying the latter subscription desires from time to time to use the said courses, or stay at either of the Club houses, he shall pay a green fee of \$1 per day."

The amendment was seconded by Mr. K. S. Morrison and was approved. Mr. Greenhill a Life Member.

The Chairman proposed that Mr.

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L. S. Greenhill should be made a Life Member of the Club. In doing so he said:

I now have a very pleasant duty to perform which is to propose that Mr. L. S. Greenhill be made a life member of the Club. I should like to say at the outset that we had not copied this idea from the Cricket Club as it had already been suggested long before the committee knew that such an honour was to be conferred on him by them. Mr. Greenhill has done an enormous amount of work for the Club in connection with the course, particularly in connection with the general layout of the new course, all of which work has been done most conscientiously and carefully, and I imagine that there is no one in the Club more capable in looking after our courses than Mr. Greenhill. This has demanded a great deal of effort and time.

Mr. Greenhill has served as a member of the committee for many years, and has also been Captain of the Club, and although he always seems to have a sort of a grouse yet I have never known him to have done anything half-heartedly which he has set out to do. I have very much pleasure, gentlemen, in proposing that Mr. Greenhill be made a life member of the Club.

I should like to add that under our Articles of Association we are only permitted to have six life members. We had five life members, but one membership was rendered vacant by the death of Mr. T. S. Forrest.

Mr. Davidson seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Greenhill returned thanks for the honour conferred on him. The meeting closed with thanks to the chairman and committee, expressed by Mr. A. H. Ferguson.



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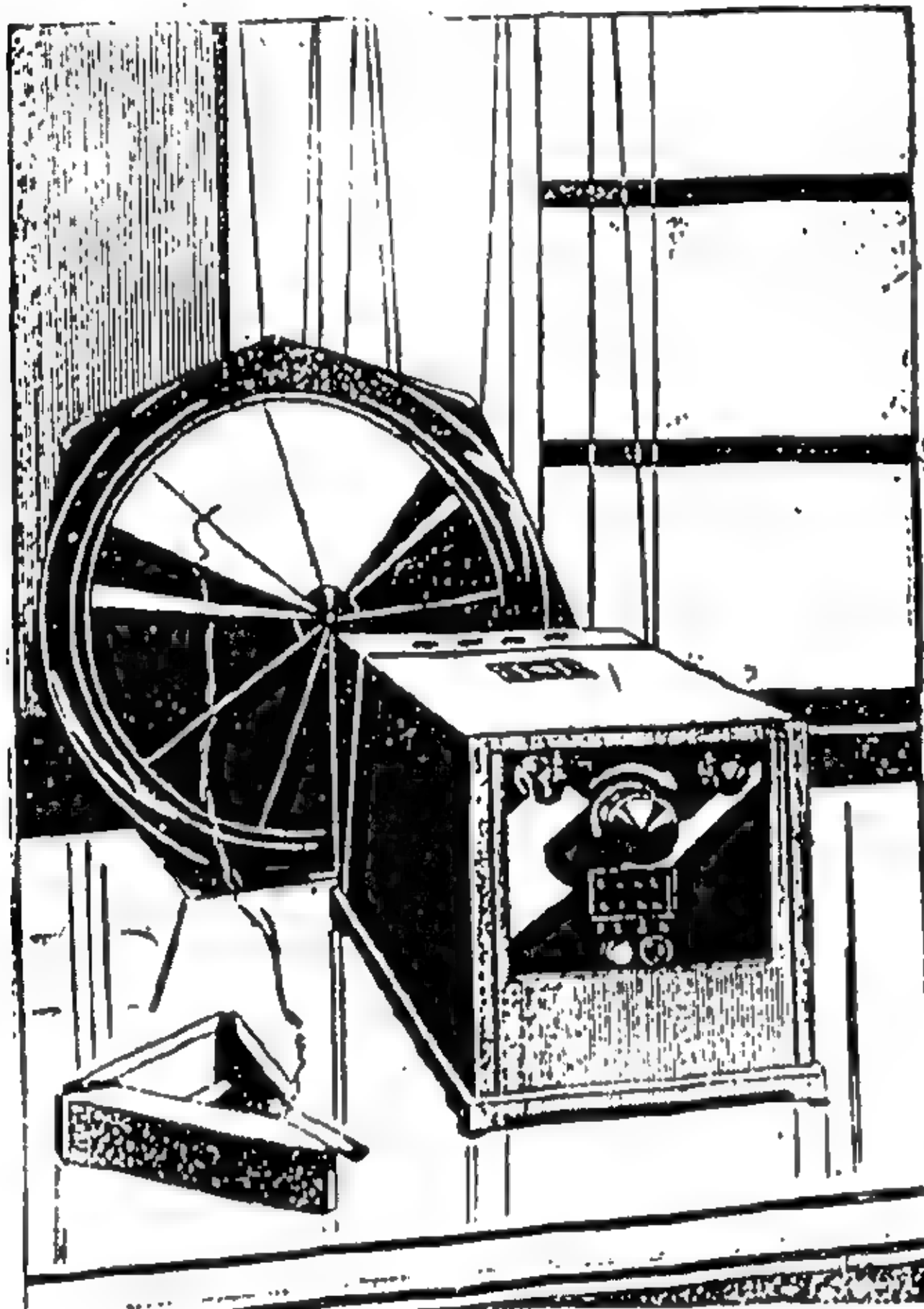
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RIVAL SKIPPERS AT GOLF.

JAPANESE AND AMERICAN TO PLAY AT FANLING.

An unusual golf match is to take place at Fanling, Hongkong, on December 30 next, when two rival skippers will meet. They are Capt. Yardley of the st. President Cleveland, and Capt. Ito of the m.v. Tatsuta Maru.

The following radio message regarding the match has been received from San Francisco by the Shanghai office of the Dollar Steamship Line: The International Golfing World was thrilled to the core to-day by the announcement of a golf match between Captain George Yardley, skipper of the st. President Cleveland of the Dollar Steamship Line fleet, and Captain Shunji Ito, master of the m.v. Tatsuta Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

For many years these two popular captains have been at the head of the golfing class of their respective lines. At a recent convivial meeting at the Marine Club in San Francisco, arrangements were made for the match, which may be truly said to be international in character and cover a territory of six thousand miles of ocean lanes.

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Each of these popular skippers has his private golfing machine or miniature course aboard his vessel, and whenever their duties at the various ports permit them to be absent from their commands, they may be found at the nearest golf course. Captain Yardley's average score is in the low 80's and local friends of Captain Ito claim that he shoots an 85 when he has been several days without practice.

The match is to be played at Fanling, the world-famous course of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, on December 30, and it is expected that large galleries will witness the contest. The winner of the contest is to be tendered a banquet aboard the vessel of the losing captain.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Boxing Challenge.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—On the night of December 6th, I was openly challenged by Teddy O'Brien to fight for the Light-heavy weight Championship of the Colony. I accepted the challenge, as I always have done before, myself believing, and I think the general public also, that the fight would be staged at the next Hongkong Boxing Association meeting to be held on the date fixed, I believe, being January 3rd. So far I have not been approached on the matter, and I should very much like to know if this fight is going to be staged, or set, on January 3rd.

I can practically guarantee that I will be able to cover any side stake that is likely to be put up by my intended opponent.

A certain person has stated that Teddy O'Brien is not regarded as a suitable opponent for me, so I will therefore repeat my challenge that I am willing to meet anyone in the Light-heavy Division for the Championship of the Colony.

If the Hongkong Boxing Association wish me to defend my title on the night of January 3rd, I should be very much obliged if their promoter will inform me within the next few days, so that I can settle down to training.

As I have been without a contest for nine months, and my time is up on the China Station early next year, I should like this opportunity of defending my title, so that I can go home with the knowledge that I have upheld my reputation against all comers, successfully.

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EAST RIVER GANG ATTACKS VESSEL.

SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN RIVER ENCOUNTER.

Canton, Dec. 14.

Fired on by pirates from the shore and two pirate junks, a Canton-Waihow lowboat, accompanied by a steam launch, had a thrilling experience on Friday morning while on its voyage to Canton with a full load of passengers. It was attacked by the desperadoes at Nam Wan, two soldiers and six Chinese passengers being wounded by bullets.

The attack was made from the shore before dawn when the pirates signalled to the wooden vessel to stop. The soldiers on the vessel retaliated, taking up positions in the launch where there were no passengers. For half an hour the soldiers resisted the pirates, who made a desperate endeavour to get on board by coming on two junks. The latter, however, retreated on approaching the towboat and discovering that there were soldiers on board.

On arriving here, during the week-end, the wounded soldiers were sent to the military hospital, while the passengers were treated at the government hospitals. This is the first time for some weeks that pirates have attacked vessels plying on the East River.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL BUILDING.

SPREAD OF WORK AT SEVERAL YARDS.

London, Dec. 15.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, speaking at Rotherham, claimed as one advantage of the London Naval Treaty that the Government could spread its building programme within the limits of the treaty, over five years, and so equal the employment of labour and capital in the industries concerned.

He thought one cruiser would be built at Birkenhead, while destroyers and other craft would be built on the Clyde, on the Tyne, at Southampton and at Barrow.—British Wireless.

U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT APPROPRIATION.

SUM OF \$3110,000,000 AGREED UPON.

Washington, Dec. 15.

A more peaceful situation as regards legislation for unemployment relief is indicated by the action of the Joint Conference of Senators and Representatives in agreeing to eliminate the amendment to the Emergency Public Works Bill which would have deprived the President of the power to allocate the money appropriated.

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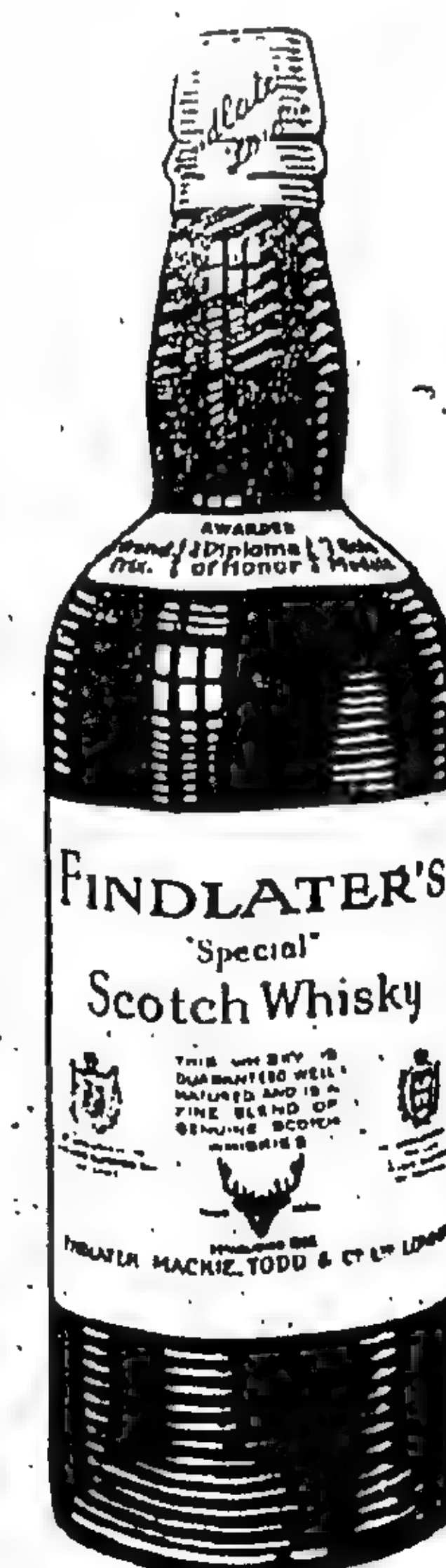
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Orchestral-Midnight Belle.

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Gene Ackland (Contralto). 1702.

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Orion Madrigal Society. 473.

Piano Solo-Waltz In A Flat.

Major (Chopin).

Piano Solo-Waltz In C Sharp.

Minor (Chopin).

Sergei Rachmaninoff. 1246.

Song-The Floral Dance.

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). 1313.

7.30-8.00 p.m. Schubert.

Unfinished Symphony.

Philadelphia Symphony Orch. 6663.

8.00 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report.

11.30 p.m. Close Down.

EGYPT'S SUGAR TAX.

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Cairo, Dec. 15. The Premier, Sidky Pasha, in an interview, declared that steps had been taken to protect Egyptian products against Soviet dumping.

He said he hoped the conversations with the American Minister would result satisfactorily regarding the high American tariffs against Egyptian cotton and onions.

He asserted that Egypt was able to satisfy her own sugar requirements, and the new import duty would not touch the consumer, but afford necessary protection.—*Reuter.*

THE BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY.

REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN PAST SIX YEARS.

London, Dec. 15. The *Daily Herald* commenting on the recent progress of the British film industry and on the fact that 120 feature pictures are, at a cost of £1,250,000, to be made next year, points out that of this sum £1,000,000 will be paid in works. The *Herald* attributes the remarkable advance during the last six years partly to the 1927 Film

COMPANY REPORT.

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The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd., will be held in London on December 18, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1930, will be submitted. Extract from directors' report—The net result of the year's transaction shows a balance to the credit of Profit & Loss Account of £83,288 made up as follows:

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profit plus Interest in China	267,563
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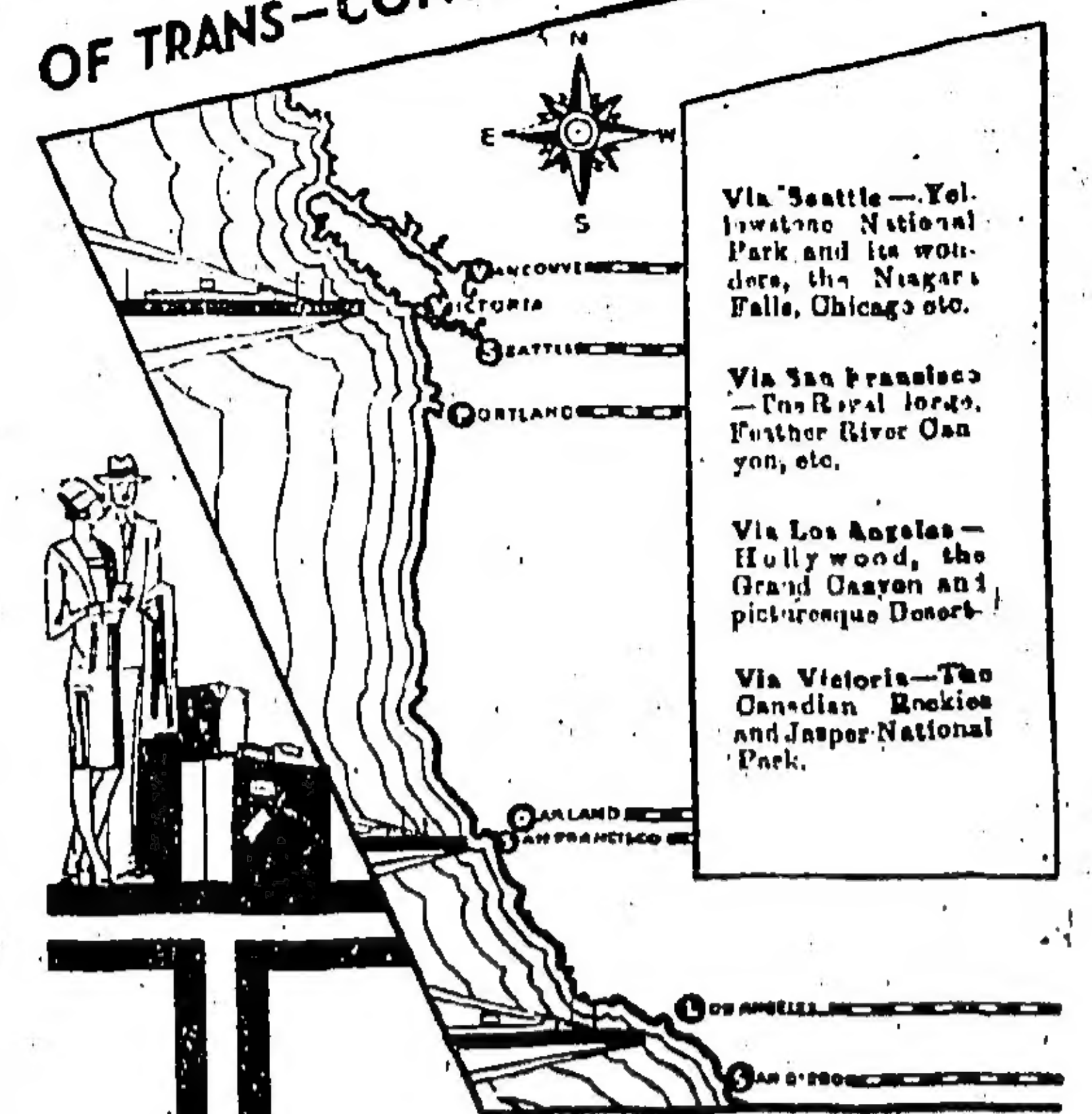
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KOWLOON PROPERTY AUCTIONED.**TWO LOTS ON PENINSULA SOLD BY CROWN.**

Two lots of property in the outskirts of Kowloon were placed under the auctioneer's hammer at the Crown Land Office yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Jau Hawk, wife of the local medical practitioner being the purchaser of one of the properties while the other went to a small syndicate of Chinese.

The first, known as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,428 and situate at the junction of Pak Wa Street and Maple Street, Shamshuipo with an area of about 5,616 square feet, was put up at \$3,424. The property attracted many bidders and by degrees the price went up to \$16,100 when it was knocked down to Mrs. Jau Hawk of 38 B Bonham Road.

A smaller lot situate at the junction of Tong Mi and Bedford Roads, Tai Kok Tsui, and having an area of 4,200 was offered for sale at an upset price of \$3,400. This did not have the same competition as the first lot and was sold for \$13,500 to a syndicate composed of Mr. Yung, Ip Tun, Shum Man-yuen and Chan Kai of 6, Queen's Road Central.

FELIX VILLAS MURDER**CHINESE CHARGED WITH CAPITAL OFFENCE.**

There was a Court sequel yesterday afternoon to the murder of Ku Sau-hei, a house-boy in the service of Mr. R. Ohl, which occurred at the latter's residence at No. 9, Felix Villas, early on Saturday morning.

Chu Suk-mei (22), a native of

A LOCAL INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS.**LECTURE GIVEN ON BILLS OF EXCHANGE.**

The first lecture given under the auspices of the Hongkong Institute of Accountants was delivered by Mr. Ernest A. Udy, A.F.I.A., at the Hotel Cecil last evening, presided over by the president, Mr. Randall. In introducing the lecturer, Mr. Randall stated that the Institute was formed for the purpose of giving educational facilities to the students of Hongkong and advancing the standard of accountancy.

Mr. Udy then gave a very interesting address on "Bills of Exchange," dealing with cheques, bills, promissory notes, and I.O.U.s. At the conclusion of the address, those present agreed to join the Institute in order to allow students to pass their examinations for accountancy in Hongkong without being compelled to journey to England for that purpose.

It was stated that many prominent persons had agreed to become associated with the movement, in the interest of the advancement of education in the Colony.

Shanghai, was brought before Mr. Lindell and charged with the capital offence.

On the application of Detective Sergeant Flattery, the accused was formally remanded for a week.

CHARGE AGAINST INTERPRETER.**MR. WONG KWONG-TIN CALLED BY DEFENCE.**

When the hearing was resumed before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court yesterday of a charge of attempting to obtain money from a hawk brought against Li Tsan-pul, a Police Interpreter, the defence, conducted by Mr. M. K. Lo, called Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, J. P., a member of the Sanitary Board, to give evidence with a view to disproving a statement made by the hawk at the previous hearing.

Mr. T. Murphy is conducting the prosecution.

Evidence was given by Sub-Inspector Thorpe who deposed that he had not authorised the defendant or anybody else to collect any money from the hawk or from any other person.

After his Worship held that the defence had a case to answer on the charge of attempting to obtain \$50 by false pretences, Mr. Lo asked permission to call Mr. Wong Kwong-tin before putting the defendant in the box.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin recalled an occasion in January or February when a hawk saw him with regard to a complaint, but as the matter had already been considered by the Head of the Sanitary Department, witness, who had been consulted as a member of the Sanitary Board, could not see his way to pursue it further.

Witness could not recognise the hawk in the present case as the man he had seen.

A coolie foreman of Holt's wharf gave evidence of having been requested by the hawk to introduce him to Mr. Wong Kwong-tin before whom he desired to lay his complaint. Later witness, the hawk and the defendant sat together in a tea-house to discuss the matter.

This had been denied by the hawk, who said that he did not know the coolie foreman at Holt's wharf.

The defendant then went into the witness box and spoke of having lent the hawk \$30 when the man's licence had been suspended by the Police. The principal witness for the prosecution had approached the defendant with a request to borrow money and he (defendant) had in turn secured a loan to oblige the hawk, with whom he had become acquainted during his duties as interpreter at Police headquarters.

Continuing, the defendant mentioned that he had made several requests for the repayment of the money, as it became overdue, but the hawk had deferred on each occasion.

The hearing was then adjourned.

ROBBERY RECALLED.**SUSPECTS DETAINED AT BIAS BAY.**

Following a request of the Hongkong Police the Chinese military authorities at Bias Bay are understood to have effected the arrest of suspects believed to be connected with the recent armed robbery at No. 253, Queen's Road West, the Tung Yee Tong Chinese Seamen's Boarding House, when booty of about \$1,000 was carried away.

The fact that the robbers were attired like Chinese seamen led to the belief that they were Chinese seamen who acted as agents to Bias Bay pirates.

The arrested suspects are still in custody at Bias Bay pending further investigation.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godown where they will be examined on the 16th December, 1930, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson and Ash.

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DISASTER TO YACHT OFF MIAMI.**A GLASS-BOTTOMED VESSEL CATCHES FIRE.**

Miami, Florida, Dec. 15. Hitherto it is known that three are dead and seven missing as the result of a fire aboard the yacht Eureka Second, fifteen miles from here.

A hundred and thirty-five people were aboard the vessel, which was fitted with a glass bottom to permit a view of tropic submarine vegetation. The fire broke out yesterday afternoon. The passengers became in a panic, and rushed up and down the deck, fearing to jump into the shark-infested sea. An explosion of an oil tank, however, indicated that the yacht was doomed. A second explosion hurled the survivors overboard.

Another yacht, the Dorothea, hastened to the scene and rescued many. Meanwhile the Eureka's glass bottom became smashed, and she quickly sank.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CANTON OFFICIALS.**IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE CONTEMPLATED.**

Canton, Dec. 15. Apropos the Nanking decision to effect important changes in the Canton Government, it is understood that Mr. Tang Kam-ching, the present Director of Education, will be appointed Chancellor of the Sun Yat-sen University, while Mr. Hsu Sung-ching, former Director of Education, will be asked again to take up the portfolio. General Tang Yin-wah, the Commissioner of Reconstruction, will be Minister of Home Affairs, and his post at the Ministry of Reconstruction will be given to Mr. Lam Yick-chung, a Commissioner of the Kwangtung Provincial Council. No confirmation has been received in Canton official circles concerning the reported appointment of Mr. C. C. Wu, the Chinese Minister to Washington, as Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.**AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.****From NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA & MARSEILLES.****The Steamship, "CITY OF CANTON"**

having arrived from New York via ports on the 9th December, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be submitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 20th December, 1930 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 27th December, 1930 or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period on One Week.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th December 1930, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd January 1931, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th December 1930, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goldard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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N. Y. K. LINE**(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.)****From EUROPE and STRAITS.****The Steamship, "KATORI MARU"**

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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RANCHI	16,650	3 Jan. 1931.	Bombay, M'sol & L'don
MIRZAPUR	6,715	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	M'sol, L'don, Hull, H'burg, Rotterdam & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Jan.	M'sol, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
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COMORIN	15,132	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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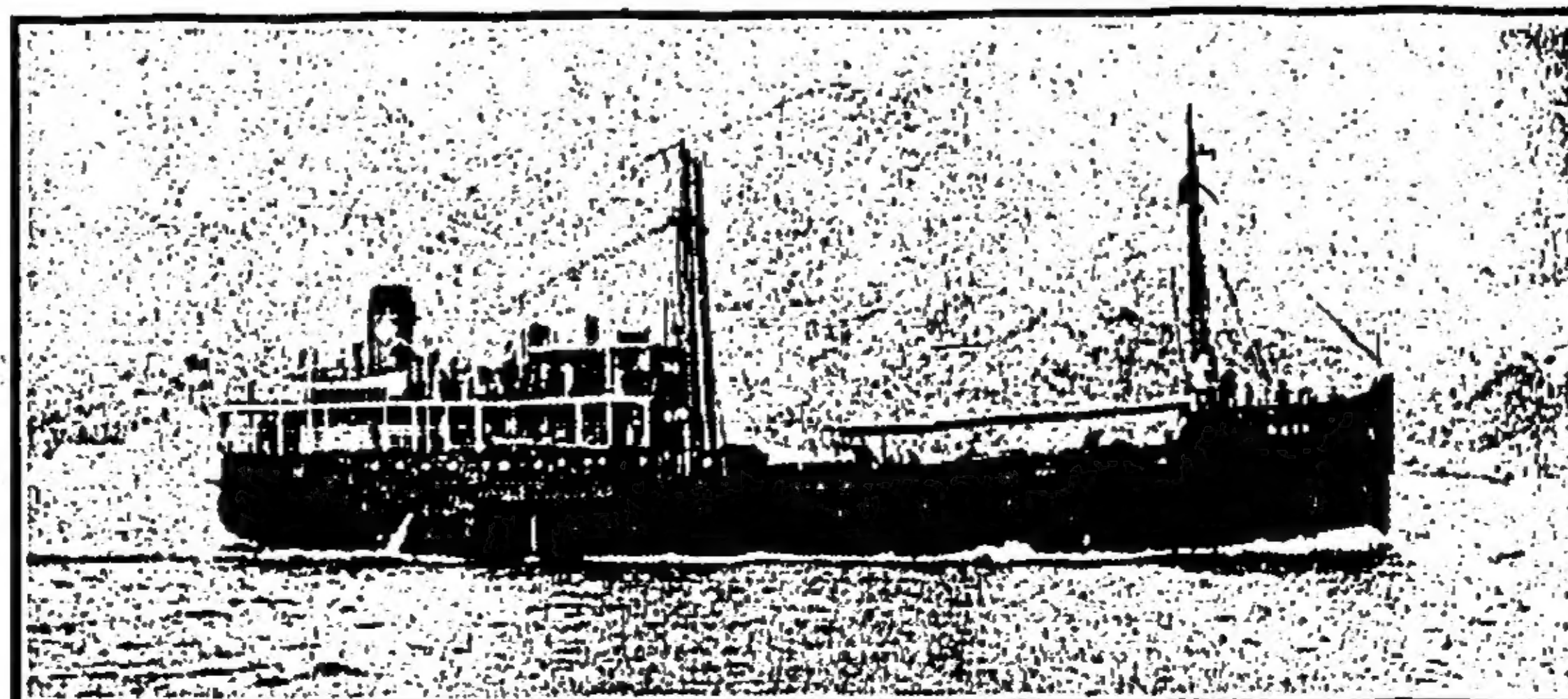
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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Helena May Institute, in complaining of the "bad type of cinema pictures" said to be shown in Hongkong, and the Council of the Institute has been asked to take steps to prevent them from being displayed.

In the report of activities, presented at the annual meeting of the Institute, this morning, over 1000 members were present. The Helena May Institute stated that it had once more asked the Council to take steps to prevent the display of pictures being shown in the Colony, and had put forward a request that a woman should be appointed as the Censor.

The Helena May Institute further stated that the number of members of the Institute had increased to 295 new members during the current year.

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LORDS DEFY THE COMMONS.

GOVERNMENT MAY YIELD UNDER PROTEST.

DYESTUFFS ISSUE.

London, Dec. 15. The House of Lords this evening, on the motion of Lord Hailsham (former Lord Chancellor in the Baldwin Government), passed by 87 votes to 14 a resolution to include the Dyestuffs Act in the Schedule of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, for the purpose of ensuring that the Act shall remain in operation for a further twelve months, instead of lapsing next month in accordance with the Government's decision.

The Lord's vote entails a conflict with the House of Commons, which last week rejected by thirty votes a Conservative proposal to extend the Act for a further five years.

During this evening's discussion, Lord Hailsham urged that the continuance of the Dyestuffs Act was vital to research work done by dyestuff makers.

Lord Parmoor, Lord President of the Council, said the Government's desire that the measure should lapse was due to the fact that it operated to the disadvantage of the textile industry. He added that the dyestuff makers had established their industry in the last ten years, and were now in a position to face world competition on a level.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was introduced by the House of Commons on Wednesday. It contained a clause that the Government will recommend the House to accept the Lords' amendment, under protest, in view of the fact that the Bill, which covers fourteen important Acts, including the Rent Restriction Act, *Reuter*.

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MARKET QUARREL.

The death of a cool of the fruit market in Bonham's Strand East, the outcome of a quarrel, believed to have been a quarrel between two young market hands in Wing Lok Street early this morning.

The alleged assailant, Ng Kuen, who is also a cool at a stall in the fruit market, was later arrested by a district watchman and charged with causing grievous bodily harm, but as this indictment was preferred against him before the death of the murdered man, the capital charge will be brought against the man on his appearance before the Court.

The incident took place outside the Sanitary Department quarters in Wing Lok Street, a short distance from the fruit market.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF M. POINCARÉ.

SUFFERING FROM LUNG OBSTRUCTION.

Paris, Dec. 15. Bulletins issued yesterday and to-day describe M. Poincaré as fatigued and weak, following an indisposition with which he was attacked on Saturday. The nature of the indisposition is not disclosed.

M. Poincaré is suffering from a slight obstruction to the lung.

In response to an urgent summons, a doctor called on M. Poincaré at 9 p.m. and is spending the night at his bedside.—*Reuter*.

ELECTORAL REFORM MEASURE.

TO BE INTRODUCED VERY SHORTLY.

London, Dec. 15. It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Electoral Reform Bill will be introduced before Christmas.—*British Wireless*.

DANGER AREAS IN CHINA.

SUGGESTED SUSPENSION OF BRITISH PASSPORTS.

COMMONS QUERIES.

London, Dec. 15. In the House of Commons to-day, Captain Peter Macdonald (Cons. Isle of Wight) asked what steps were being taken to prevent British subjects who had been exiled from positions of danger in China from returning to the danger areas until condition had become more settled.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, replied that the attention of British subjects had been drawn to the peril of returning to dangerous areas, but no concrete measures can be taken to prevent British subjects from exercising their free will in the matter.

Sir N. Giffard-Davies (Cons. Newcastle North) suggested that in view of the loss of life involved in carrying out the measures suggested by Chinese brigands, the Foreign Office should for the present not issue passports to persons who declared their intention to proceed to China, to take up work as residence inland.

Mr. Henderson replied that no British lives had been lost in the circumstances mentioned, and that no knowledge of a case of a British subject being killed had been received.

With regard to reports, Mr. Henderson said he had seen the report of the Chinese Brigands, and that the Chinese Brigands, the Foreign Office should for the present not issue passports to persons who declared their intention to proceed to China, to take up work as residence inland.

BRILLIANT FIGHT IN LONDON.

CUTHBERT DRAWS AFTER THRICE FLOORED.

London, Dec. 15. At Olympia to-night and comes reminiscent of the old days of the National Sporting Club, the experienced scientific British featherweight champion Johnny Cuthbert (Sheffield) who weighed in at 9 st. 12 lb. drew with Al Foreman, the Canadian holder of the British lightweight championship.

Foreman weighed in at 9 st. 5 lb. and the contest was for the lightweight championship. It was a wonderful battle, Foreman's terrific punches, which felled Cuthbert three times in the course of the bout, were countered by the challenger's fine generalship in a fight packed with thrilling thrills.—*Reuter*.

HOIHOW BANDIT MENACE.

SAID NOT TO BE VERY SERIOUS.

Canton, Dec. 15. In a statement to newspaper correspondents this morning, General Chan Hing-swan, of the Canton Army, said that despite the persistent rumours of Communist lawlessness at Kiangchow and Hoihow, on Hainan Island, the cities continue to be quiet, according to messages received during the week-end.

The Canton official added that, unlike the Communist hordes in Kiangsi and Hunan, which numbered hundreds of thousands, the Communist bandits in Hainan Island are organised in small independent bands and they raid up-country villages looting isolated sections of the countryside where military protection is weak. The exact number of Communist bandits is hard to estimate.

The Canton Naval Department has assigned to its Chief-of-Staff, Commander Chan Ting, who departed from Canton last week for Hoihow, the task of directing the anti-Communist expedition. A Cantonese Regiment sent back from East River will be leaving in one or two days on the gunboat Fook on for Hoihow, to suppress the bandits.

BATTLE ROUND AN AERODROME.

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The authorities state that only one mutineer was wounded in consequence of the shelling.

Government aeroplanes this evening dropped proclamations over Madrid, declaring that the revolt has been completely crushed.—*Reuter*.

FRANCE FILLS TO PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, Dec. 16. Major Franco arrived by air at Alzaros aerodrome and three other rebel aeroplanes have landed in other parts of Portugal. The majority of the airman, including Major Franco, have secured permission to reside in Portugal.—*Reuter*.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

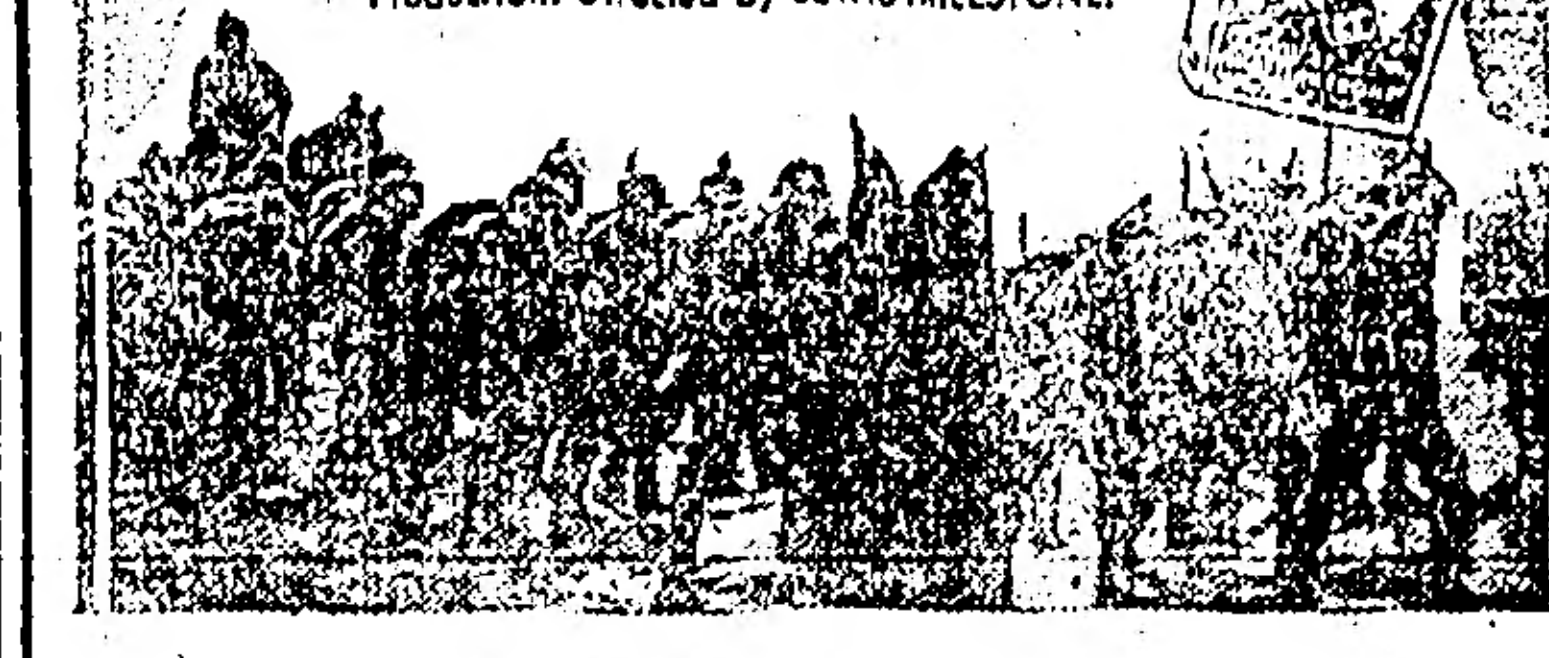
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